

4046 Spruce St.

Wednesday, June 17.

My dear Wobbie, -

Having gotten so far ahead of you in really deep learning that no interest attaches itself longer to the comparison between us, I have determined to run open water between us in another line. At half past eight this morning I became a real sure enough dad; not merely one by courtesy like yourself.

We are very thankful to have it all over. God has been good to us in it all. We have named the baby Josephine, after Mother. It seems like a very healthy child.

This is only a word to let you know about the work. I hope to be at Northfield during part of the Conference, &

shall see you then, if not sooner. I
hope you & Mrs. Speer can stop &
see us some time before you sail.

With much love

Thomas.

217 So. 42nd St.

Phila.

Wednesday, Nov. 21.

Beloved Nobby, -

I write under instructions to inform you that Miss Clother + myself will emerge from the train at Elizabeth on Friday at 5.15 P.M. We will then repair to your domicile with expectant cheerfulness.

I am in the midst of studying a lot of things that you would not understand, so I must close, sending you + Mrs. Spear two doses for a dult of affection from

Your perennially own
Child

4046 Spruce St.

Saturday, Apr. 25.

Untitled Dad, -

Please do not imagine, because I honored you with some slight questions relating exclusively to unlearned technicalities regarding the locality where a honorable individual like yourself happened to purchase your own copy of Bartholomew's Doan's Atlas, that I did so because I am personally unacquainted with any facts recorded within the pages of the above-mentioned volume. Your supercilious affectation of superiority, based on such a conjecture does scant credit either to your apprehension of verity or your sense of propriety. Suffice it to remark that there are other members of my immediate family who sometimes might have recourse to such a source of information ~~at some~~ on occasions when my own absence from the domestic circle rendered it impossible for me to supply them with intelligence as once more unsuspecting & profound than could be found in any man.

atlas. Your naive wonder on the subject is indeed diverting & I have gone so far as to permit my features to relax somewhat as I resumed your missive. But you have not offended me. Nay, in token of my unremitting favor, I hereby graciously commission you to order for me at the lower of the two prices you name (\$6.66) a copy of the book. I referred just now to my unremitting favor. The appropriateness of the adjective will become increasingly apparent when you notice that I have not enclosed the amount. If such is demanded at this early date, I further, address me a communication to that effect. Hoping that you will not again so underestimate the attainments of one of the few really learned men of your acquaintance, I am, my dear sir, with unabated esteem,

Your erudite

Infant.

Speers, William
Washington, Penna
Dec 10, 1896.

My Robert E. Speer,

My dear kinsman & Christian brother

It is to me a very touching thought that one of my name, in whom I feel so much personal interest, & who goes out in behalf of the foreign mission work of the same Board, should after the round of exactly half a century be with his wife entering the strange scenes, mingling with the same heathen race, where I began with my beloved wife at my side the course of long & varied work which the Master has given me to do on earth. He went out in the bark Grafton, leaving New York in July & reaching Macao, China, in Dec. 1846.

In the vessel with us, & Rev. John B. French & Rev. John W. Quarterman (the former to be my colleague at Canton, the latter to join the mission at Ningpo, both peculiarly noble devoted & lovable men, to whom I was most deeply & tenderly attached) were Rev. Stephen Mattoon & wife, truly faithful & consecrated persons & Sam. D. House, M.D. one of the most affectionate & childlike of saints. In our long & in itself trying voyage, in an old miserable small vessel, & having frequent storms or calms on account of the unpropitious season

of the year, our company of seven never
had among us one cross word or look,
& when we parted felt that the time had
been one of blessing to all, & that we sepa-
rated on earth never to meet together again,
but that we all would be joined once more
not to part forever in the mansions where
Jesus reigns & with angels & saints above.
Dear Dr. House & I are the only ones remaining
on earth, both long invalids, yet thanking
our Lord that in our weakness & trials we
have ever found that these are the best to-
kens of His loving kindness & tender mercy,
& that they were His means of keeping us near
er to Him & bestowing benefits to others, through
us. They have been his best gifts Phil 1: 29
& verses preceding. And here I must send
through you my best love to the dear men
& women who have succeeded the mis-
sionaries named in Lian & whom you & Mrs
Speer will meet there. Some of them I
have seen at our homes & elsewhere in
this country, & know the faithful & best
work which they are doing & the suffering
& difficulties of some of them. Siam is pe-
culiarly linked with China in various
ways. Not only as to the races; it will be
a matter of peculiar interest, as a side-
light to the Chinese work in California &
the United States, ^{look out} to inquire as to the number

of Chinese who are carrying into Siam
& the neighboring countries & islands, the
seeds of knowledge & enterprise & capital
which they gathered in America, & are
planting & multiplying in those soils. This
is all an influence of extreme value as
to the future of the nations there. I have
known a good many Chinese friends in
this country who have had ^{business} connections
thus with the regions west of China, &
become representatives of benefits & of the in-
juries which they have received here.

But I must speak now of one
who was of the little company on the Grog-
ton, but a constant & great sufferer from
exhausting sea sickness, such as travellers
in large & comfortable & swift steamers
can scarce imagine; which after a time
brought on hemorrhages from the lungs,
consumption, & death. She was a woman
of unusual beauty of person, & character, &
manners, & piety. We had become engaged as
to marriage while I was a student of medi-
cine, & expecting to join with my father in
medical & surgical practice, & to spend my life
in Pittsburgh. She loved Jesus Christ, & loved me
after she had a dozen offers in a worldly view
attractive, most of all because she thought
I could help her to know & serve Him. I cannot
tell you what she suffered until in April after

Turned all these applications into good in many ways. I understand them when I was sent to
to be a bar was important work at present than I could have done in China. Had in it
He gave me a how for my life & has been of great efficient fellow laborer in all the work he has
up to go. He has enjoyed it. I like to see him with a good deal of money in all the work he has
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We reached Macao, she was laid, with her
darling little daughter soon to follow her,
in the cemetery of the East India Company, close
to the Morrisons & other missionaries, with
whom they will rise in the resurrection.
You will see the white marble tomb,
for which I sent to New York, I have had
the place put in order at different times,
& now have what amounts to perhaps \$150 in
the treasury of our Canton mission to be
applied as to the annual interest to that
end. But the tomb was too slight in its
construction, & the materials not suffi-
ciently durable. Dr. J. S. Kerr has written
me lately that it has become somewhat il-
legible & broken. I purpose to have a chaste
granite monument erected in its place,
of which I will write you more by a letter
to meet you at Canton.

The family of Alex. Mackenzie, Mrs
Spens father, & her grandfather H. H. Macke-
enzie, the former a lawyer &c in Pittsburgh,
the latter a judge of the Supreme Court of Penn-
sylvania, were well known in our State,
I can say no more of her now. After her
death the dear old Secretary Walter Lowrie,
(or his son Rev John C.) had a tract printed, from
a notice of her in the Missionary Chronicle of
October, I think, 1847 with some remarks of his
own, which was circulated in some parts of the Church.
But I must stop for the present; adding only,
to her who goes along with you, my affectionate regards,
& saying that the all-wise & loving Redeemer in time

Speer William

231 N. Main St,
Washington, Penn^a
Jan 25, 1897.

Rev. Bro. E. Speer,

My dear brother in Christ & kinsman

My letter to you at Bangkok
told you some thing of my sweet & precious as-
sociations with the saints who replanted that
mission in 1847; especially as they were fellow
passengers on the barge Grafton to China,
on their way thither, from July 20 to Dec 28, 1846.

There were seven missionaries on that
vessel. Rev. John W. Quarterman, going to Sing-
po, was a son of a minister, belonging to a fa-
mous Christian kindred, Puritans from New
Eng^d originally, in S. E. Georgia. Rev. John Booth
was to be my colleague at Canton; he was the
French, son of a Washington City lawyer, the fam-
ily living in Georgetown, ^{Baltimore} & ^{was a} noble
Christian ~~and~~ gentleman. It was a rare privi-
lege to be imprisoned with two such characters
for five months & over. We sang together & prayed
together; & wept together & laughed together; &
walked the decks & climbed the masts together;
& communed together of hopes & fears; & went down
together into our little dark staterooms, & poured out
our hearts in fervent pleadings for gifts of the Spirit
to fit us for our future work, & for the salvation of some

typification of kindred in our distant homes, to the end
that all might meet after life's toils & probation was
ended in the blest home on high. Both these men
were ripe for heaven long ago, & were taken there
after a dozen or so years of toil. Quarterman
died at Ningpo; French would not surrender his
war at Canton until too late to rally from a
change. He was committed to the Indian Ocean
not far south of the straits between Java & Su-
matra. His widow, daughter of Mr. Dyer Ball
M.D. a missionary of The American Board, after-
wards married Rev. V.D. Collins an American at
Hong Kong; They reside in Washington City.

Of the other member of our little company
I rarely trust myself to speak. You will see notice
of her in the Foreign Missions Chronicle of 1846 & 47.
& others could be furnished from the Advocate,
the predecessor of the Banner at Pittsburgh, Any
thing I now say to you must not be quoted
as my words, though it may possibly, be
pleasant to you to weave the facts into some
notice that will hold up to the women of the
Church a portrait of one who was the first
woman of Presbyterian missionary coun-
selors to lay down her life for the Lord Jesus in ^{China}.

Cornelia was the daughter of Alex. Weast
Erving Esq of Pittsburgh, & granddaughter of Hugh
H. who was Judge of the Supreme Court of Penn-
sylvania, a talented, learned, eccentric & very nota-
ble man in the closing years of the last century &

the beginning of the present one. She was brought up in circumstances of worldly abundance, received a superior education in Pittsburgh & Staten Island, N. Y., & was accounted without a superior about Pittsburgh upon the piano except among professional musicians. She was remarkable for personal beauty & gentle manners, & early had numerous admirers, & several ~~offering~~ offers of marriage attractive from a worldly point of view. But she had become a Christian, when twelve years of age, during a revival in the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, & her affections were given to a student of medicine, who turned from that profession, of which his father was a distinguished practitioner, to become a preacher of the gospel of Christ & a missionary to China. She ^{was} married to William Spear May 7, 1846, & sailed with him from New York on July 20. for Canton. The claims of that great field had been earnestly pressed upon them by the Hon. Walter Lowrie, Sec. of the Foreign Board. The ancient walls of seclusion had recently been broken down by the iniquitous & barbarous opium war of Great Britain upon ^{that} defenceless

less nation. The Christians of America
appeared to be specially called upon to as-
sert to tell its people of the mercies of the gospel
of Jesus the Redeemer of the world. Dr. Peter
Parker was giving there an impressive il-
lustration, one of the first on an extensive
scale to the cause of Foreign Missions, of the
supreme importance of obedience to the Sa-
vior's injunction & example, to heal the sick &
relieve the bodily woes of sin, as a means of
opening the hearts of mankind to the mes-
sages of His compassion for their souls.

On the voyage she set herself earnest-
ly with her husband to the task of acquiring
the rudiments of the ^{Chinese} written language, & found
much pleasure in teaching at suitable oppor-
tunities an ignorant negro nurse of Macao
who had been taken by an American merchant
with his family to New York. But the barque
was small, lightly laden, & pitched & rolled fear-
fully. The voyage ^{was} protracted by alternate head
winds & long calms, so that it did not anchor
at Macao until the last week of December. Dur-
ing all these months Mrs. Speer suffered extreme-
ly from sea sickness, which prostrated her strength,
& brought on hemorrhages from the lungs, & consump-
tion. Yet with cheerful courage & faith she took as for

possible an interested share in the various meth-
ods by which the little company of seven mis-
sionaries ~~Rev. J. B. French & Rev. J. W. Quayle~~
~~men, going to China, & Rev. S. Mattoon & Dr. H.~~
~~Wentworth, going to China~~ sought to prepare
themselves for future labors, & to refresh them-
selves with religious exercises & useful & pleas-
ant literary reading & conferences. So happily
did the months pass that all were bound together
with unusual affection. God blessed the ^{officers &} crew
also, & some of them were drawn to love & serve
God, though among them were men who had been
corrupt & depraved. The party dispersed at
once from Macao; & Dr. Happer & a school
which he had collected there, joined by Mr. French,
went up to the capital of the province, Canton,
leaving Mr & Mrs Speer, the only missionary
family in the city of Chinese & Portuguese, though
the affectionate sympathy of a Scotch Presbyter-
ian physician & his wife & of an excellent Amer-
ican lady, wife of a merchant, afforded them aid
& comfort.

Again Mrs Speer gave her heart & time
to the utmost of her little strength to memori-
zing & studying the knotty Chinese character,
& finding out what was interesting & ~~pleasing~~
to missionary work in their behalf. But before

nothing; but I would have them for a other occasion. I can only say how
my kindest regards to Mrs. Speer, my hopes that you & Misses Pease has not
been interrupted with your projected visit to my dear friends, sincerely yours
Chas. H. Johnson

The spring was more than half gone, in April
16, she was called by the Saviour whom she loved
to come up to the holy & happy home & company
from which those whom he has justified & loved
shall go no more out; & before midsummer
her sweet baby daughter was laid by her side
in the little East India Company's Cemetery.
It will be a joyful scene when on the last day
the missionaries who occupy a corner of it;
among whom are Rev. Dr Robert Morrison &
his wife Mary, rise together at the summons
of the incarnate Redeemer & Judge, the first of the
thousands of sainted followers who have not counted
their lives dear to them, that they might go to
claim His love & mercy to the countless millions
of wandering & perishing souls in that great
empire; & who will realize the fruits of their
labors & sufferings in the joys of the great mul-
titude which will stand before the throne,
clothed with white robes, to praise Him, &
be the objects of his favor & care forever.

At the present time I am about
having a white marble tomb over my wife
& child, which has become somewhat defaced
& broken, replaced, through Dr Kerro's kind aid, with
a durable granite one.

There are some other matters of inter-
est about which I would like to have said

I write amidst discomfort from the ex-
cessive cold of a Dakota blizzard which has
visited us; the thermometer this morning - 6^o
& gas in fire places three fourths wanting.
So please overlook poor Miss.

W.S.

Sister

Mary?

September the 7th.

~~to~~

My dear Rob.

Just a week until the
 conference at Birmingham. And we
 are eagerly waiting to hear when we
 are to see you at home. Yesterday in
 church I waited in vain to hear
 Dr. Van Cusen announce that "next
 Sunday we shall have Dr. Robert Green
 with us. Anna Fisher told me that
 Dr. Van Cusen told her he was
 going to write to ask you to preach
 in our church next Sunday.

Mary has been having such serious
 trouble with her right eye since

is certainly cheerful and brave. His other eye
is in good condition, which is an excellent thing.

Charles starts in next Monday in public school,
it is hard to realize my baby has gone.

Charlie was out camping for a week during
August. At the Branch near Ypsom's. And
enjoyed it thoroughly. There were only two of them
out, but they had lots of company. When
you are here you must see the Raysome Sea
(projected) in which the Finjans, especially
Damen, are interested. It will change things
very much up there.

Our new Opera House is to opened to-morrow

early in July. When you wrote home
for the books for Elliott, that was
the reason I answered your letter
when you had written to her. I wanted
to tell you about her eye then, but
she did not want to tell you just
as you were going off for your
vacation. She came down to see Dr.
de Schweinitz in July and will go
again in October, after he returns
from his vacation. It is a return of
the trouble she had eight years ago.
but is worse this time. And there
seems to be nothing that will save
the sight.

A visit from you, I know, would
do many a great deal of good. She

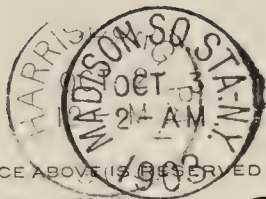
With Louisa's Band. After being without any
place for six years we are soon to have Mrs.

Asking to hear soon when we may expect
you. With much love to all

Your loving sister

Ang.

Huntingdon, Penna.



Bailey, E. H.

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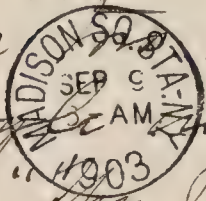
"Things as they are" by Amy Willson

Cornmichael - If you and I can get it
and see a copy I will be so much
pleas'd - I do not know in whom it is
published - Am glad Elliott wrote a
little note to Cornmichael, and from M. West
to H. G. - I am, also with you, come last
Friday - Oct 1st Saturday - All best - I write
S. A. Hambley -

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MR. SPEER.

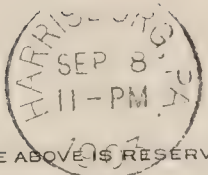


Hannibury Sept 8/03 -

I will like to see 2 copies
of Thurman Dodge's Home Minnis -
and 2 copies of "The Bishop's Shadow".

I do not know who is the author
Had a telegram this a m from Miss Parrot
she must have landed early - she must
a swift passage only sailed on the 2nd
on the "Deutschland" - she will spend this
night in Phila & reach home tomorrow
afternoon - Yours - E. H. Bailey -

Boiley, E. H.
9/8/03



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October 19, 1903.

Mrs. Charles L. Bailey,
31 South Front Street,
Harrisburg, Pa.

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My dear Mother:

The publishers have been seeking in vain for "Things as they are" by Amy Wilson Carmichael. Our purchasing clerk tells me that he has been unable to find it and that Revell and the other publishers, who have looked for it, cannot discover any such book. If you could give me any further clue to it, I shall be glad to have further inquiries made.

Very affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer

E. H. Bailey is planning to go over to Hbg. on Friday.

Harrisburg Oct 26/03

*Dear Robert - My a son to answer this - "Things as they are" is published by George H. Holt & Co. London - I would like two copies - It would suggest that they get & keep the book in hand - In answer to letter of 24 of Nov - I plan to return for sermon in evening of the 24 of Nov - return Wednesday - would like to keep the blessed volume - With many thanks for all yr. trouble requesting this book I am my dear Robert your loving mother E. H. Bailey
I call Eleanor little Rottie Speer - she looks so like you -*

I am writing to you after, as for
you & me for me - to which I say
Come do you know me -

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Harrisburg Pa 21/03.
 dear Robin -

Mr Smith & Mrs Lewis
 of our Printing business
 please holding a "Praise
 Service" either Monday or
 Tuesday evening Nov 23
 or 24th (or any date that
 suits you) and we would
 go to church and give us an
 address in Germany -

Our two children will be
 both home + happy -

3
if you come & spend
Sunday the 22nd & take
later than home Sunday
the 24th & give us this
evening of the 23rd -

For see how nicely I
can fix it -

I hope you are well -
Pap is doing nicely, is
able to walk about in
room -

Emma can bring us word
she will get over as soon as
a letter - hope you can
come - I sent you a
quint lot of apple butter

o Jay's seal - jellies -

Soot-sight - Soak to with of
all your living Gutter

L.H. Berlin

I hope it will be settled with
you and us, to have
you with us - If that
date does suit you, let
us know what evening
will suit you is early in
Dec is possible -

Now I hope it all settled
I have just talked over
the phone & Emma with
me she will be one (9.6)
Friday in St Louis
don't get me 2.48 -
We will be delighted to see
you & the children - and if
you can come down or later -
she can stay with me

Barley, E.H.

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Hawthorn Dec 11/03

Dear Robin -

May I trouble you for some
more books - I would like

1 1/2 dozen copies of Mr Torrey's
little book "How to pray" -

Mrs Ann + I want them for children.

I see that Mr Dr has been called,
a good man released and with
his God - Happy release -

I was so surprised to learn
from Emma that your work

had to go to Sweden - Well! if you
have no cook just come over here
for Christmas and then I need
a family picture taken in-
cluding Aunt Cordie, so you all
have to come, that is what I
want for my Christmas present
from the family -

Yesterday Algon had adenoids
removed, at the Hospital - I hope
he will get nicely over it -

Fry and baby come to-morrow
with Algon later - All well
here - Ed - Jamie + Corlie
will spend several days next
week in Iron Lake - Very ill

Call in some time to see you
I hope you are well - last
week I knew you were away -
from being broken - who never
ceases to thank God for giving
me such a son - E. H. Penley -

Uncle Robinson, Charles

12-14-03

Dear, Beloved Robert

~~515~~

I have only two more
Sundays of this year to
supply this pulpit,
and then I shall be "at
large" - for, learning that
some of the people feel
as if they should have a
Pastor. I have sent in my
resignation. The year has
been a happy one, and
I am grateful for it. & the

Don't know which you may think
I can pass thro', that I am
anxious in such doors and shall
be very glad for both the kind
of occupation - and the finan-
cial aid.

Don't let me hang on
you. Dear Boy, only just bear
me in mind

Affectionately

Uncle Charles

Ernest Manna M. Dec 14 '07

was several years service at
Andam Theo. Sem. since
I ceased to be a Pastor.

But I shall need
in several respects to
keep on working as a
supply here and there -
and I recall your say-
ing that your Board was
almost like an Intelli-
gence Office, ~~or~~ Sat. Chur-
ch House & such news-
paper remembrance, when any

Bailey, E. H.

Haverbury, Jan 5/04.

Dear Robin -

I was very pleased to receive your letter and hear about Christmas, and have wanted to acknowledge it and your beautiful Christmas present - The Umbrella is such a good substantial one - our best will

out break easily - I have
been unfortunate with my two
last ones. The handles were
smooth and broke, I returned
to our without cause -

This will be made more
durable - I am very much
pleas'd - Did not say any good
to me I was remembered
by many friends - We had
a small family - only Will
& his family and Aunt Podge,
Ed & Fannie families died

with Mrs Reilly and Charlie
& family dined at home -
Mary is well, but not very
strong - We have a beautiful
Christmas tree, but pretty
yet to take down - I think
of you all and wish you
good season each other -
Allyn has had some crampy
symptoms, which rather
alarmed us one night, but now
he is much better, but cannot
go out, this very cold weather
I hope you manage to keep
warm, my best wishes are

am fazed and have not
been going all the time -
On in Jays corner, see in Papers
- the Liberty - I hope all are well
Robin dear - on account she looks
all right in time - Got her out
and the bill got - Am now + I
are so much pleasid to you -

I believe Pastor Blackman
of Amherstland is to be in this
Country - for weeks - He sails
for Amherst on the 11th & will
(P. 6) be some two weeks with
Mrs. Fields 21 East 26 St. N. York
City - With best love to all and
very kindest I am your loving
Mother - E. H. Bailey -

E. S. McMURTRIE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

McMurtrie, E.S.

Huntingdon, Pa., 9 July 1903

JUL 10

Dear Rob.

My reason for not dating the chs. is that the bank pays me interest on my account, and credits the chs as of their dates. The later the date, the more the interest. The Monitor has been considerable source of worry to me, as well as to Mr. Fleming. We have been using every effort to sell, but as yet without success. I will have a talk with Mr. F. and then write to Will. Unless Mr. (Mr. F.) is satisfied I would not like to put him in a position with Will. that might be embarrassing to him. I would rather give it away than take the chances of running it at a loss, which may come soon, if not so near.

With love to you and your

Yours
E. S. McMURTRIE



LA CASA LOMA

F.S. ROSE,
MANAGER.

REDLANDS, CAL. 20 Jan'y 1904

My dear Rob.

We got here safely last Friday, and found it cool and dry. It has not rained for nine months, but as Clara and I are regular bronchis we bought it with us, and yesterday and last night we had plenty of it with the result that to-day is cold, with heavy frosts and ice formed on the streets. This is better however than what you are having, to judge from the weather reports. It is much better than the Florida region. My object in writing you now is this. I have in contemplation a trip around the world with Clara, and would like to get the benefit of any information you have or can conveniently get. But for the present I would wish nothing said to any person about it, for various reasons, business and otherwise. I have been looking at some of the trips arranged by Cooks and others, but would like more certain information. Until now I have not felt physically able to undertake it, but believe I could do so without any trouble. There is no doubt but that it would be more satisfactory

for us to join a party and (starting from California) remain
with it until we reached Egypt, spending the winter there,
or in Italy or France, and return in the Spring. Now what
I can learn, the best time to leave Calif. is in Sept. which
would put us in Japan in the panther time, and through
India during the winter. This trip is said to take about
four and a half months, which would put us in Egypt
or some of the warm places in January. I prefer
going via California, as we can stay with the party
through the difficult part of the trip, and remain on the
Continent, or wherever we may wish until our return home.
If I can arrange matters we might start in Sept. of this
year, if not then in 1905. - I dislike to trouble you with
this, but know of no one whom I can refer who can help
me as well as you. I will be glad for any information,
literature, suggestions or anything else you can do for us.
We expect to remain here for perhaps a month at the house
and in California until about the middle of March. If you
cannot write us during that time, don't do so until
our return home, as I would not want you letters on the
subject sent home until our return. I can get you letters for
less. She joins me in love to you and all of yours, and hopes
the chicken has is over, and all are well.

Yours affectionately

W. Brewster

E. S. McMURTRIE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

McMurtrie, E. S.
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MR. SPEER

Huntingdon, Pa., 15 July 1906

Dear Rob.

Perhaps you will recall that at the time I made the distribution of your father's estate (Dec '01) there remained in my hands belonging to you, Will, and vic. for Will's use, a mortgage of Jefferson for \$375. and one of Holders for \$1777.- The Smith note, has just been paid, and the holder reduced to \$1577.⁸⁰

These payments, with interest, put in my hands \$978.⁹⁴ of which you are entitled to the amount \$326.31, for which I enclose check. - The \$1577.80 of the holder note is unpaid, and belongs to you, Will.

By sale of the Monitor &c. I have sufficient to pay the note, on the house at Mrs. Estlin's death, hoping this is satisfactory

Yours truly
E. S. McMURTRIE

McMurtrie, E. S.

E. S. MCMURTRIE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Huntingdon, Pa., 2 August 1906

Dear Rob.

Being now in funds I am able to take
your kind of the holder mortgage, as follows.

Your share $(\frac{1}{3})$ of balance \$1577.80
out Oct. 24/5

\$ 525.93

\$ 25.07
551.00

Cheeks enclosed

I did not wait to hear from you, supposing it would
do you more good to have the money than the wife.

I do most sincerely hope that we will get favor-
able news from you about little Ella. What a comfort
it must be to have Emma with you.

With love to you all

Yours truly

E. S. McMurtrie

(Speer) Vic

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SPEER

Friday, Sept 21 1906

TO Dear Rob,

MR. SPEER

I was in town for a few hours today
and stopped in to see you and also Will but both of
you were out. I return to Buffalo this afternoon.
Come down for the Mayor on matters of his.

One of the things I wanted to talk to
you about was a possible big opening with the
Peoria R.R. Nothing definite has developed yet and

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To nothing way develop finally. It has gone as far
as one of the general officers talking with me and
I judge he has talked with one of the vice presidents
and there is a possibility it may go to President
Cassatt who will have the final voice. I am not keen
after it particularly as there are other things in view.
But if it come later to a personal interview with
Cassatt I was wondering if you knew either W. A. Patton,

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To his assistant or John H. Lawrence or Samuel
Rea. Patton and Lawrence I think are directors
in the late lamented Trust Co of Phila. There is nothing
to be done in it as yet. It would pay ²7500 to \$10 000
a year and you know how such things go. Patton is
the important man.
I am sorry to have missed you today. Give my
love to Minnie & the children & keep the big grand
share of it for yourself. Vic.

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ROBERT C. CLOWRY, President and General Manager,

Bailey, E. H.

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MR. SPEED

Haverling, Sept 1/07 -
Dear Robin -

I find that all the letters
to be that the young lady in
your office is kindly give me,
one for Walter, will you please
ask her to send any - thing there
is on the left subject - "Japan",
to Mrs H. M. Williams -

Orwellboro - Logan Co. Pa

I will be greatly obliged -

I spent my plant evening
& night - with our friends in

And more out reached home
7.10 Friday evening, being out
with in Philadelphia and on got the
from bed-stands, Mass., &
I found Mary - Charles's wife
ill with fever which she
feared might prove typhoid
but this evening she is better
and hope it will cut prove
dear -

I have been thinking of you
& Elliott in West Point -
hope you had pleasant weather
late now, he can on the one

all about but visit -

and Odeo returned last
evening, leaving Fay & family
all well -

With love, ever yours

Arthur - in - love

S. W. Bailey

The desk was shipped Friday -

(Uncle?) McMurtre, E.S.

July 21/9



FRANK A. MILLET, PROPRIETOR
F. W. RICHARDSON, MANAGER

My dear Riv.

Both of your letters were received. I am sorry to say that Clara is not well. Before leaving home she was run down, and the long and not very comfortable trip out here did not help her. A few days after our arrival she consulted a doctor, who pronounced it nervous prostration, and she has been under treatment ever since. She is improving slowly, but is still very weak, does not eat, nor sleep. She is very comfortable! and the people at this hotel are very kind. The greatest difficulty is to keep people away from her, so that she can be quiet, and what little time she spends out of her room is as quiet and secluded as possible. I have not written about her to any one but Miss and don't want it known, as it would only worry Lizzie and Arthur, and not help her. Emma Wood, at Pasadena, I also wrote to, and expect her to be here probably this week. She will not tell Mrs Blair, Miller, who are with her. We expect to remain at this hotel until Monday April 22, and then go directly home. Of course this is a great disappointment to us. But am thankful she is no worse, and is improving. When we came we expected to spend

on whole time quietly here. Clara wants to know if you saw the church at Coyocan. (You know the one if this is not spelled correctly), and what you thought of it. The letter word from Miss is that Mary is improving.

Clara joins me in love to you all.

Your uncle
Edmund

Uncle - Robinson, Chas

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Belmont Robert JAN 2 1907

MR. SPEER.

I cannot let this
old year go out with-
out some word to you.

You are so much to
me in the mere thought
of you. Your young life
makes so many coils
in mine, which might
be dying members.
I experience such
refreshment from the
consciousness of your
love for your poor old

of course. as you have followed your
friends as far as you could go, into
the Holy place - But to be led by
the pierced hand into the most Holy
place, when you chief entered in
and to find yourself face to face
with him, is most wonderful of all.
You have been remarkably appreci-
ative before this, in other's grief,
but now you are appointed - and the

unde. that rather than
take up your precious
time, by going into your
office - tho' I have been
by it many times. I
just content myself
with a written mes-
-sage. It has been the
greatest year of your
life - yours & Emma's.
There is no such expe-
-rience like that of a
Christian's sorrow -
you have had adun-
-trials, but of it.

amounting goes down to the ~~short~~ of
the garments. in such high priest-
hood. and I have thought much of you
both. in relation to this Christmas.
it is a sort of a new and glorified
Christmas. I never knew what minis-
-trally was. tho' I tho't I did. until
Aunt Clara
Edward died.
and I was very much touched
with your reference in the Journal

to Harold Walter.

Did you know that
both he & his wife knew
before their marriage
that his going soon
must be - and that
they faced it with a
Christian brave silence
that now glorifies
God who gave them
strength? Do not feel
it necessary to take
your time to answer
this. Some day, I may
look in - & it will be

answered. Aunt Clara
wants join me. If she
knew I was writing, in
tender parental like
love to you both

Affectionately

Uncle Charlie

Pelham Manor N.Y.

Dec 29 '06

Chas Robinson

Speer, Victor

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FEB 27 1907

MR. SPEER.

CITY OF BUFFALO,
MAYOR'S OFFICE.

JAMES N. ADAM, MAYOR.
VICTOR SPEER, SECRETARY.

MS
February 25, 1907.

Dear Rob:

Our class has grown to 86 and is on the way to 100. The fellows are planning to take \$50 or so and through your Board arrange for its use yearly in the education of a young fellow of their own age (17 to 20) of good family preferably (or China) a Persian, or whatever race you might suggest. In due time you will get a letter about it. Since January 1st in addition to regular Sunday collections they have contributed about \$32 toward what will be needed. It may be a month or two yet before they write. Can you tell me if you can handle it for them and what it will cost them to send a young fellow to a missionary college yearly and how many years will be necessary to complete the education. What do you advise in the matter?

Sometime since, I wrote you about paper-bound copies of your *Yule* address on demeritation. I found the letter later unmailed through an

oversight. If you have any spare copies I can
make excellent use of some. I read part of it
yesterday to the fellows in connection with
the tower. It did the work mightily.

I am at work to interest some moneyed
men for a building for the fellows next to
the church. It may be a long hard road but
in the end we will get it. It is all being
done quietly of course and as yet is in the
purely preliminary stage. I have the victims
picked out and am approaching them by circuitous
yet potential ways.

With much love

Your brother

Vio.

peer, Victor

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MAR 28 1907

MR. S

CITY OF BUFFALO,
MAYOR'S OFFICE.

JAMES N. ADAM, MAYOR
VICTOR SPEER, SECRETARY.

March 27, 1907.

Dear Rob:

Thank you for the books on Temptation. They went like hot cakes. We have 92 fellows now and I arranged for those who got the copies, to read them and then pass them on to others so that all the fellows may have it. I read part of it to them first.

Good news comes from Mary in a letter in her own hand. She seems distressed over her short hair but with those brothers setting her an example she should not despair.

It is a beautiful day out, bright, balmy and spring like.

With much love

Your brother

Vic

Speer, Victor

CITY OF BUFFALO,
MAYOR'S OFFICE.

JAMES N. ADAM, MAYOR.
VICTOR SPEER, SECRETARY

April 19, 1907.

Dear Rob:

Thank you for "The Marks of a Man". I will read it with great interest. It was good of you to send it.

Governor Hughes was here yesterday for the semi-centennial of the Chamber of Commerce. He was the Mayor's guest at his home. He is a Christian gentleman. His presence made a busy time for me. Presidents or Vice Presidents of fourteen of the great railroads also were here. There was a big banquet last night - over 600 present. The Chamber's new building was dedicated at noon. The Mayor, of course, was in the thick of it.

The Mayor was to have gone to the Peace Congress in New York. He had to be here, however, so he named Freeman as his personal representative. You may have seen him during the week.

With much love,

Your brother,

V. S.

Uncle Robinson, Charles E.

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Mr. Speer. said you would

like to see my article
on Dr Johnson and
his book. So I send it
herewith - with his let-
ter which my arti-
cle called out.

Aside from the trouble
of reading them. I
shall have to add to it.
by asking you to kind-
ly return it. You

with love from us both to
Emma - You asked me if Aunt
Clara & I could not come at some
time & spend the night. I told "her"
and "she" replied. When the cares
of the thanksgiving rush & of
the holidays for me so much in the
winter as Emma, are over, and
a time comes when it will be

said it was good to
to see you "po. ob. unkl."
It was a delightful
earnest — for me
to see you again —

By & by there will be
do much eternity.
that applicants there
deed waiting to see
you. will not cause
the old gentleman
to hustle, to make
room. Truly & true
in eternity —

perfectly convenient for you both -
we shall be very glad to do so.

Always devotedly

Uncle Charlie

Pelham Manor N.Y.

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Speer, Victor

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MAR 24 1908

CITY OF BUFFALO,
MAYOR'S OFFICE.

Mr. Speer.

JAMES N. ADAM, MAYOR.
VICTOR SPEER, SECRETARY

March 23, 1908.

My dear Rob,

Both Anna and I are glad to know that you expect to come to Buffalo next month. Be sure to let me know when you are coming, and of course you must stay with us while you are here. You can come and go as you wish and you will be right close to Dr. Raymond's church.

The Home Missionary people had a conference here last week, with some newspaper talk in regard thereto - not so much as they might have had but more than they have had in times past.

I am glad the wee Lady Constance is thriving. When you have nothing else to talk to her about tell her of her Uncle Bulk who weighs considerably over 200 and has a white forelock.

With much love

Your brother

Vic.

Speer, Victor

CITY OF BUFFALO,
MAYOR'S OFFICE.

JAMES N. ADAM, MAYOR.
VICTOR SPEER, SECRETARY



May 18, 1908.

My dear Rob,

Anna's father is dead. He was
91 years old. The funeral is tomorrow at
Youngstown.

*With much love
Your brother
Victor*

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
Englewood,
New Jersey.

Bro. Victor Speer

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OCT 13 1908

Mr. Speer.

CITY OF BUFFALO,
MAYOR'S OFFICE.

JAMES N. ADAM, MAYOR.
VICTOR SPEER, SECRETARY

October 12, 1908.

My dear Rob:

I am chairman of the Entertainment Committee of the Saturn Club for the coming year beginning last September. I was on the Entertainment Committee the year before. ~~We~~ desire to get the foremost men of the country during the coming winter. Do you think it would be feasible for us to get Woodrow Wilson, President of Princeton?

Among those who have been the Club's guests during the past year are Judge Taft, who spoke on Washington's Birthday, Mr. Bryan, who spoke on Lincoln's Birthday, Governor Hughes, who spoke on the occasion of the dedication of the McKinley Monument, etc. The club allows a fixed appropriation for each speaker of \$75.00, which in the instance of President Wilson might be increased appropriately to \$100.00 or so. President Roosevelt was the club's guest when he was Governor and was the Washington's Birthday orator, and President McKinley also was the club's guest.

Two of the foremost dates of the year with the club are Lincoln's Birthday and Washington's Birthday. We have lines out to land United States Senator Borah for one of these

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dates if he can arrange his engagements. He is one of the ablest speakers in the country. Apart from these two dates, the club prefers to get speakers on Saturday nights.

Would it be possible for you to ascertain informally as to how President Wilson would regard an invitation from the club together with the suggestion of a small honorarium. The invitation, if necessary, would be accompanied by an invitation from the president of the club and the Mayor of the City. When the Princeton Triangle Club was in Buffalo last winter it was entertained at the Saturn Club as was also the Harvard Glee Club. I think it would be a good thing for Princeton if Wilson could come here. Eliot of Harvard and Hadley of Yale both have been in Buffalo. Wilson could speak on any subject he might select. The club has the highest standing of any club in the city and is composed of the most representative of the best citizenship, and I am sure President Wilson would enjoy being here as much as the Saturn Club would enjoy having him.

All goes well here. With love to Emma and the children

*With much love
Your brother
V. J.*

Bailey, E. H.

21 South Front Street

Harrisburg, Jan 5/09

Robin dear - Very I trust
you agree to attend to a
little matter - I am so
much obliged for getting me
the books on enclosed bill,
but I want to know who
paid the exp? It was prepaid
when they came - I enclose
check for the amt -

Now I would like three
more copies - two sent to
Hbg - and one sent to England

I see that Revell Co has a
store in London and they
may have the book over
there - Any-way I would
like a copy to go to

Mrs H. S. Keyser

~~19 Buxton~~

19 Bursford Road

Birmingham

England

I will be so much obliged to
you if you will attend to
this - and let them put
my card in, or send with
it -

Our Kate is very sick up
at Fort Herwin, she must
be spend a week with John
& Helen, was taken ill last
Thursday and is very sick -
I remain positive she Dr says.
In hope for a drugg for the
better, but this evening
she is no better - I will
write Emma later -

Your loving Father

E. A. Bailey

The Dr has just sent word
that he considers at Kates
symptoms rather more favorable

Bailey, E. H.

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31 South Front Street

Harrington, Feb 11/09

Dear Robin -

I want a little information.
You spoke when here about
Mr Kyle when I mentioned
Derry - It looks now as tho'
we were prepared to look
after a shepherd for that
flock. Mr Kyle preached
for them & Derry one evening
but I have not heard from
he was liked - We will ~~wait~~
consider the matter after his
return from Tennessee -

Quantum can you tell me what he
is doing on, does he receive for the
Orphan? If he does, could that
continue after he has a change?
We hope to raise \$900.00 or 1,000 —
I think Mrs. Kyle is a worker &
would be a great help - His health
is not very good - He may have
a call to Tennessee - if so - do you
know of any good young man - a
spiritual worker - There may not be
many Paralyticians to work with, but
there are souls to work with -
Now comment please let me know -
I would like to see you (D. G.) &
Alabama next week - That you
may keep well and be blessed in
your work is the prayer of yours
Caring Mother - E. M. Bailey

Bailey, F. H.

~~Wm~~

31 South Front Street

Amherst, Feb 23/09-

Robin dear - Have you
a Pastor yet, in your Church
at England? You may
have heard our speak
of Dr Kermi who has been
you giving Bible teaching -
I have just heard indirectly
that he would be willing to
take a Presbytery Church -
He is an Episcopalian, our
Oxford man, fine preacher
and fine Bible Teacher -
a spiritual man, looking for

The coming of our dear Lord.

He has ^{not} ~~never~~ calls to the Poor
Churches, but is far more constrained
to remain by the Bishop in the
Episcopal Church - Do not seem of
the Com. hear him - Rev. J. T. Kerrin
Jonestown, New York - But he
must & must him, but she need
not know that he could make any
change - This is to you and also
our friends I am writing you -

He might from too spiritual a
man of the people - but he is
a fine man - has a wife & three
children one daughter & 2 boys -

Do not be confident - I am
writing solely on my own
account - No need to acknowledge
this, I am only praying that it may
be God's will to send him to your
Church - I acknowledged Dr. Edwards
letter and on all moral events -
With every thanks & hoping you are
well I am your loving
S. W. Bailey

Barley, E. H.

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Hamilton, Monday noon
June 21/84 -

Dear Robin -

We had such a nice little visit
from Emma, so glad to see her and
hear about you all - Hope for a
longer one soon with all the
dear children & yourself -

I send my thanks for the books -
so sorry for this delay, the first
bill sent was very lost - as
I did not receive it - so much
obliged for sending me the books -

Robin, I have wanted for some
months, to write you but a young

Byaloring - you had sent St Vincent I
think - his wife is an Aunt of Mrs Grey.
Our Adams - I was much interested in
Mrs Thomas, she is so deeply interested in
Mrs Carpenter, but feeling it all satisfied with
his excellent life & mind going to the City (his
of course is confidential) - I do not know what
now how, you can reach him, but you will know
your (Edw) brother will open the way, he will direct
this young man is, I think, a Christian, having
been received in to the Church White St Portland.
You will, I hope, remember his Mother - how far
well, I know, remember Mrs Grey man in
your prayers - he needs them - I am sorry I
am so late in writing about him, but I omitted
his address - Robert dear - you must not wait!

man living in New York City - where
Ant, (whom I met at Westchester
last fall), was living in some way,
but his complete English - became
acquainted with you, and perhaps
you be brought in to some
Club & Christian work &c -

His name is Arthur H. Adams.

338 W 31st St New York City

An appointment in Boston Electric Co.
He is a graduate of Princeton & his
Father & Mother were Ministers to
China - His Mother dying on their
returning his first trip back after
their first visit to this Country -
Mrs Thomas, his Aunt said you
were acquainted with her brother-in-law
Rev William Lewis Cook! Club &c

acknowledge this, I know you will
do all you can & I know you are
very busy, so do not take time to
write me, it will be all right -
With every thanks for writing
I remain ever I am indeed your
brother - in love

E. A. Bailey -

Sister Mary

Mar. 27, 1909

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234 Penn Street,
Huntingdon, Pa.

My dear Rob:

So is it decided that you are to go to South America? I met Mrs. Mudge of Lewisport this week and she told me that her husband had had a letter from you saying that you would not be at the Birmingham conference for you were going South. I wonder when you start and how long you will be away. That is a new part of the world to you, is it not? I need not tell you.

dear, that you have my good
notes for the journey and all
the work that makes it necessary.

We had our For. Pres. Meeting Sat
Rifflin Wed. and Thursday. I went
to it - and did enjoy the meetings and
seeing so many of my old friends.
Miss Lawrence is still our president
and we are blessed in having her -
I do not know where we could find
her equal. Dear old Miss Kate Stewart,
very bent, read her annual letter
as usual. She has been Cor. Sec. for
thirty-four years. Miss Boy and
Miss Kim from Bellefonte were there.
They would like so much to have you

go over there and speak - and
Miss Linn has asked you but
"the main thing won't come."
Miss Killiken, and Miss Belle Graham
were the speakers, and Mr. Lyngman
Rhe - of Korea, whom no doubt you
know. He made a deep impression.

Margaret and Charlie are going
to the Simpsons for dinner this
evening. Burton is to be home
over Sunday. There has been a
great deal of entertaining in
town this year.

Aunt Clara spent last week
with us - and went up to her
own house to stay on Mon. They

are very much done up - with three
men at work decorating. The dining
room, hall, and library are to be
either painted or papered. Uncle Arthur
is down in Washington at Aunt Lizzie's,
and Uncle Stewart with Bess North is
still in the South. We expect Aunt
Clara back to spend at least part of
Sunday with us.

I hope you all are well. Let
me hear about your plans. With
love to all the family, and especially
your dear self.

Your loving sister,
Mary.

March 27th, 1909.

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-Speer, Victor Bro.

CITY OF BUFFALO,
MAYOR'S OFFICE.

JAMES N. ADAM, MAYOR
VICTOR SPEER, SECRETARY

March 30, 1909.

My dear Rob:

I have your letter of March 26th. I had expected to be able to stop off on my way up later in the day but found I could not. It is good of you to speak of a visit at Englewood. I have been trying to persuade Anna to go to Atlantic City but it is difficult to get her to drop the innumerable things that accumulate during the winter. I think she would be much better if she did lay them aside for a few days anyhow and I know that she would enjoy seeing you and Emma and the children, but I could not get away again just now.

What a trip you are going to have. It seems strange to think of South America in summer, yet the reversal in the seasons makes it the ideal time.

With much love,

Your brother,

Victor Speer

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

McMurtrie, E.S.

E. S. M^oMURTRIE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.


Huntingdon, Pa., April 12 1901

Dear Rob.

I was very sorry to not find you in your office, when I came through New York. I would have liked to tell you all about Mr Hess. He is a good forcible preacher and a good orator, but where he is now, the climate does not agree with his wife (a Penna woman). I received a letter from him, yesterday, stating, that Rev McHenry wrote him, he had a charge open - it is in a small town of 300, & a salary of \$800 & no manse. Mr Hess is worse than that as where he is in Meadco, he gets \$1200 & use of the manse, & I would not like to see him leave & go to another place for less money. I think if a place is offered or open for a trial sermon, there is no doubt, of him getting a better place, out in Oregon or Washington, than the one open now. If you write to Rev. M. L. Johnson 422 Elm St Cincinnati, Ohio, he can

tell you all about Mr W. W. Hess,
I would like to get him out there for several
seasons & I know you will do all you can for
him.

We are busy clearing house, they will be
through in a week or so.

I was not struck very much with Mexico,
although there is much to see. The most
thing need down there is civilization.

Hoping to hear good news for Mr Hess
with love to all,

Uncle Arthur

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Feb 11, 1910.

Dear Rob,

No doubt, you will be surprised to hear, from me here & what I want. I have been here one month and leave for Mexico City - Mex, to night, to see the sights. I have had a good time, among my old friends, & spent the last two days with Harry Gregg, they are all well and Harry asked all about you boys and every body else about Huntington.

What I want is this, I have a very particular friend who is Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, in this place, His name is W. W. Hepburn at Pine Grove Mills, Centre Co., Pa, and was acquainted with all the people there. He is a fine talker, a good Preacher and a fine man. His wife's health is not good in this climate and he wants, to go, to Washington or Oregon. I thought it might be, that you may hear of some good places, out there, that may be in want of a first class man, so I thought I would write

to try and get some good place for Mr
Hess. It is not often I have taken any-
interest in such a thing but I like Mr
Hess and would like to hear of him
having a good change. I think he is about
forty five years old, has a wife and two
young sons, the oldest is married.

While in Mexico I will visit Mother's Church
at Coyacacan and all other places of interest.
I do not know how long I will stay
but a couple of weeks at least.

If you know of any place vacant, will
you let me know.

I am well,

Hoping you and all the family are well.

With love to all.

Uncle Arthur
Care United States Banking Co
Mexico City
Mexico

If you know any person down there, send me
their address so I will call.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

Arthur

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Mrs

March 8 1910

Dear Rob,

Sometime ago I wrote, to you, in regard to a Mr W. W. Hess, of this place. At the time I wrote I was on my way to visit Mexico, I have made the trip and am glad I went and also very glad to get back to this country.

I visited Coyocacan, saw "Mother's Church", met Mr Brown & family, he showed me all over the premises. Mr Brown came back to Mexico City with me, he introduced me to Drs Vanderbit and Boyce, who left the same night for N. Y. The altitude was too high for me in Mexico City, I was there from Sunday morning until Friday evening. It is a beautiful city with much to see.

When I wrote first letter, I did not know you were in Scotland, I hope you received my letter. and will do all you can for Mr Hess.

I am well but feel tired, as the trip was a hard one. I will stay here a week, then start home.

With love to all,

Ernest Ashburn

Wm. Robinson, Charles E.

9-7-10

~~Most Beloved Robert~~

~~That~~ letter of your
announcing your return -
& modestly, keeping back the
triumphs & honors of the sum-
mer - only telling of the mutual
family joy. in the midst of
need. (It would it be possible
for two such dear people as you
& Emma to be together. with-
out the result being "Joy")
and assuring us that you
were eager to rent us your
love & snow of our estate.
Came day before yesterday - to
our resting place at Block h.
-land. and gave us peculiar joy -
More especially, as a trying
summer - has made us ever
more than ever. dependent
on the love of our dear ones -
We rented our house in June

this glorious atmosphere on return to Pelham
Maine next week Thursday. Sept 15 - Shall
be a long time before I get my full strength -
but has been wonderfully kind & gracious -
most clear in vision & deeper than ever. thro'
of this experience - and I hope I have learned
more of the Master. & Elder Bro's immanence -

We join in love to you & your dear wife & to
the children.

Devotedly
Uncle Charlie

Cp Field Cottage Block Island R. I.

Sept 7 - 10

C. Robinson

for the summer, & while in
contact to our daughter Ruth
(in-law) & grand-daughter Boro-
thy. ^a long time obstruction
to the proper functions of my bladder,
the hardening of the prostate glands
but which had not caused me any
illness much pain - called for
medical council, & its removal
was called for - at once - a com-
plex difficult & dangerous opera-
tion for me at my age - (75 days before
yesterday). I went directly to the
Portland City Hospital. All our
wife came on. & Ruth & Dorothy
& my beloved wife Aunt Clara -
gathered at the hospital - to see
me safely thro' - I was given
entire security in lying down on
the operating table. The weeks
that followed were full of suffering
but the operation was successful -
after six weeks I was taken to the
Hudson Health Resort to learn
to walk again & to resume
such bodily functions as were
practically dis-used - then I
came here to join my precious
wife - and have gained daily in

Cousin R.W. Speer

DENVER

ROBERT W. SPEER, MAYOR

JOHN S. IRBY, SECRETARY

May 13th, 1911.

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MAY 16 1911

Mr. Speer

Mr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Robert:-

The senatorial contest is over. All the opposition united against me, and then refused to go into a caucus and abide by majority rule, so no one was elected. I have no regrets, and am hard at work on city business.

I am glad to know that you will be in Denver next October. Want you to arrange time enough so that we can get into Estes Park and the mountains. Hope Mrs. Speer will accompany you. Shall expect you to stop with us.

Kate and I expect to make a tour of Europe with the Boston Chamber of Commerce, sailing June 12th. I want to study the municipal activities of a number of cities. Will return the latter part of August.

I appreciate the notes about grandfather and grandmother Speer. Will give a copy of them to George.

With kind regards, I am

Your affectionate cousin,

R.W. Speer.

Edward Bailey

EDWARD BAILEY.
HARRISBURG, PA



MB

March 26th, 1913.

Mr. Robt. E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

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MAR 27 1913

Mr. Speer.

My dear Rob:

Yours of the 25th received this morning.

There is no immediate hurry. If you will let me know your next date at Pottstown, I will see if I can arrange it for all the others,

Sincerely,

E. Bailey

MEG

Miss C. L. Huston

I have arranged for the meeting & marked the paper here as you see

SECRETARIES
MAR 13 1918
C. L. H.

Miss C. L. Huston very cordially invites you to be present at a Parlor Meeting, to be held Saturday, March 16th, 1918, at 3.30 p. m.

ROBERT E. SPEER will give the address. Mr. Speer is too well known to you all to need any introductory words of commendation from me.

Please feel free to bring one or more friends with you, men or women.

5521 Wayne Avenue.

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KINGSTON, N. Y., *April 6* 1915

Dear Ed:

Your coming Saturday did me a great deal of good. Thank you

It is not likely that I shall be vigorous and strong in my legs
again. This is the second attack I have had and it is a great deal
worse than the first. The doctor says I will get over this attack too. How
it will be the next time I do not know.

I should get some occupation with less worry, strain and stress. Still
I happen I cannot worry at any thing. It is more that I am wearing out
like the one horse show. Curious when compared with our family history
the doctor says my lungs are the soundest thing about me.

Still what is the good of writing about my health. It is what it is.

Margaret does not want to leave the children for the camp.

I hope we will all be together next Thanksgiving.

Again thanking you for coming. It was good to see you and talk with you.

With much love

Your father

Lee

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Feb. 7. 1918

5521 WAYNE AVENUE
GERMANTOWN

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SECRETARIES

Dear Cousin Robert

Mr. Innes I have been able to secure
Mr. Innes for this month in your
stead & may I now count definitely
on Saturday March 16th for your
meeting. Hoping nothing will in-
terfere with that date I am very
cordially
C. L. Huston

Baptist Miss
Society

"I thank my God always in
your behalf, for the grace of God
which is given you by Jesus Christ.
That in every thing ye are enriched
by him, in all utterance, and
in all knowledge; even as the
testimony of Christ was increased
in you - so that ye come behind
in no gift; waiting for the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;
whom shall we expect with the
long - that ye may be glorified
in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

I am writing to you about
Rat and I hope you will.

My love

Robert Lewis

October 30 1920.

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My Dear Robbie

Your letter was
 duly received - and Aunt is
 so glad that you remember
 her! and though she never
 learned how to print letters -
 and writes so slow that
 she has almost lost the use
 of her pen - but she will
 try to write Robbie something to
 help him remember his
 Aunt and Cousins.

I was so much pleased
 with your letter. We had sent
 it to Aunt's school &
 Agnes to read they both
 thought it very nice indeed.

it was the first word
we have had from any one
at your house since I was
there that was almost
three years. I thought you
had all forgotten me.

It is now a fine
day. Don't forget about
the finger that the wife
gave me. We had three
weeks of very cold weather
with very little snow. Now
it is nice and warm like
spring. John & Maggie are
to start. I am a little
more nervous. I am as
big as your Papa.

and George are both married
so you see I have two new

girls both grown and
not grown like the
you know them. Ella does not
go to school but helps me at
home. We all talk of you
many times. Maggie says
she is going to London some
time to see Aunt Martha.

When you write again
tell me about Miss, Miss,
Keturah and what her
name will let us call her
baby this time and I will
know her name next time.

Are you going to Washon
- glon this winter. I will send
the names of Charles and
Lizzie in this letter you
can let Amasa keep them
for you. Much love to all
Your Aunt Isabella

Season's
Greetings



This is just a simple Christmas card, but if it were many times the size, it still would not be large enough to send to you and your family all the love and good wishes we would like to send. We are wondering if Margaret came home on the exchange ship. We have watched the Detroit and Chicago papers for a list of passengers, but have not seen it.

Mrs. M. H. Chas. A. Speer
101 Oakland St.
St. John's
Mich.

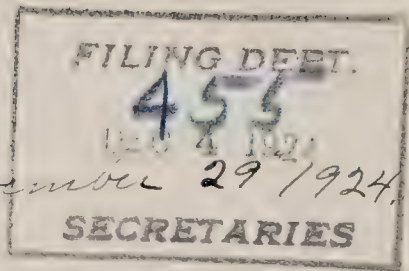
Mother had her 85th birthday on the 5th of Dec., and Daddy will be 89 in the spring. Daddy has lost both sight and hearing. We wanted them to come with us again this fall, but they want to be alone together.

We hope you have a ^{Happy} Christmas.
Your folks, Charles Arthur and Myrtle E. Spear.
Antonia. I thank you very, very much.
We will use it every day.

MRS. CHARLES A. SPEER

415 WEST JEFFERSON STREET

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Dr. Roberts E. Speer.
New York, N. Y.

Mr. Speer
My dear Sir and Cousin: -

I note in the -

Davenport Democrat that you will assist our friend Dr. Kaufman in the Dedictory Services on December 9. Can't you arrange to come to Washington and spend Sabbath December 7 with us? You said in your letter that you would like to come to Fairfield and the William Main family are anxious to have you come. I visited them recently and they expressed this wish. We are only a two hour journey from Davenport and we will be so pleased to entertain you. Our Rotary Club meets on Monday and I am sure we would entertain you to the best

of our ability.

I was a member of Dr. Kaufman's congregation for a year before Charles Arthur and I were married - and I admire both - he and Mrs. Kaufman very much.

Charles Arthur joins me in this invitation and we trust you can arrange to come.

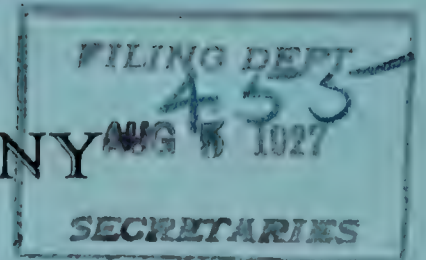
Very sincerely

Mrs. Charles Arthur Speer.

Charles L. Reed

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East Lake Road
ERIE, PA.
July 28, 1927.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Uncle Rob:-

I have certainly enjoyed your good letter of the 20th, with its news about your new home in Lakeville and how happy you all are in it. I remember the lake so vividly that I wonder at just what part you are situated. Many the time when I was at Hotchkiss did we sneak off long after we were supposed to be in bed, for a plunge in the lake, to emerge later amid a host of mosquitoes that made it imperative to dress quickly. For boating and swimming in summer and skating and iceboating in the winter that lake certainly can have no equal.

For the next two weeks I expect to have a new experience, for I leave Saturday for a fifteen day training period at Fort Eustis, Virginia. When at MIT I took the ROTC course of instruction, receiving a 2nd Lieutenant's commission at the end of the course. We are supposed to take a two weeks' training camp each summer to keep in trim, but up to this year business has always prevented. Personally I am about as opposed to war in principle as anyone could possibly be, but I cannot see that blind pacifism and unpreparedness is the way to safeguard against it under present conditions. My work so far has been with the Coast Artillery, which is more purely defensive than any other one branch of the army.

Mother and Father seem to be quite happy in Huntingdon. They are having the house repaired and renovated. The old slate roof went pretty far, and has been replaced with some imported Belgian asbestos shingles. Whether the fact that they are imported from Belgium makes them especially waterproof, I do not know. Also, a new heating plant is being installed. Every letter from home tells of the terrible tear-up that is in progress, but I know they will be happy to have everything fixed up and in good condition once more.

This is really the first whole summer that I have been in Erie, and it has proved to be a most delightful one. As a city Erie is very attractive, and rather progressive as Pennsylvania cities usually go. Being right on the lake we

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have all kinds of swimming, boating, and water sports, and it is really more pleasant than being on the ocean, as the water is generally very comfortable, and being fresh does not have such a devastating effect when swallowed in any quantity.

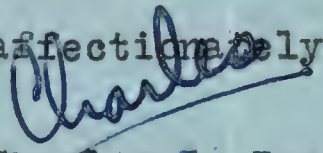
Aunt Clara has in mind driving out to Warren, Ohio, to visit with a friend of hers, and she has planned to take Mother with her, passing through Erie on the way. It will be so nice to have them here, even for a short visit of a day or so.

Ever since I have been here people have asked me constantly why it was that you have not come to Erie in recent years. I have never been able to answer this question, although I suppose that you feel there is so much more important work to be done elsewhere. Mr. R. B. Sinclair, the general secretary of our YMCA, and our minister, Dr. W. W. Iliffe, have been particularly anxious to have you come, and assure me that there are plenty of "auspices" by which it may be arranged. Mr. Sinclair is especially interested in the work in China, and our Y has a "Harvey Club" with a large membership whose sole function is to help with the work of Dr. Harvey in China.

For some time I have hesitated to write to you about this. When so many have tried unsuccessfully to get you to bring a message to Erie, it seemed rather useless for me to add anything. However, all of these people earnestly want you to come, and I can assure you that it would mean a lot and be of genuine benefit to our churches in the city as well as to the general cause. Of course, I have my own selfish motive in wanting you to come, for I see you so seldom and then for such unsatisfactorily short times, but of course this should not make any difference.

Please give my love to Aunt Emma, Patty and Bill, and to the rest of the Speers whenever you see them. It is fine to know that Marnie has been so fortunate in being able to continue with her work. I know how glad you all must be to feel that she is so secure.

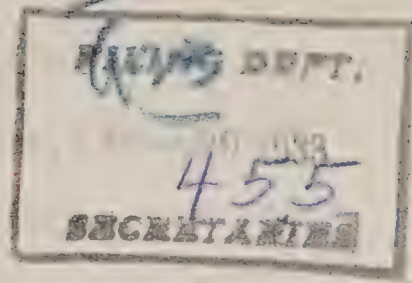
With much love to you all, affectionately,


Charles L. Reed, Jr.

AUG 1933

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MRS. C. R. PHIPPS
142 DORCHESTER ROAD
BUFFALO, N. Y.



Dear Rob:-

I am glad something made you think of and write to me, for it is a long time since we have had any direct communication. I always feel, in spite of my re-marriage, that I am still related to you, and am interested in all you do. Both Margarets and Ella write to me occasionally, so I manage to keep in touch. The last two years, I have not been at all well, and that accounts for some of my own delinquencies in the matter of correspondence and other things.

In regard to the book, the title is "Memoirs of a Great Detective" and the publishers were Baker and Taylor Co. I believe they have been absorbed by Fleming and Revell, but you would know better about that than I. The book could not be considered a success at the time of its publication, but I have had several offers for stories

from it at various times lately, detective stories being so popular now. Mr. Murray died a few years after Victor did, and left absolutely no heirs, so the book and its copyright fell to me.

You may be interested to know I took a prize with one of my "poems" this summer, and it was read over the radio. It was just a simple thing, but I am enclosing a copy for you to read.

With much love to you and Emma, I am as ever,

Anna.

Aug 3rd

The Home in the Hills.

The road climbs up and over the hill,
I wonder if you know why?
Perhaps you think it's coming to view
The beauties of field and sky;
But I believe this inquisitive road
Is climbing up to see
The little old house the hills clasp close,
The house so dear to me.

There's a homelike porch before the door,
And a crystal spring near by,
While frowning woods stand guard above
Where waving pine trees sigh.
There are queer little steps going up and down
To rooms with memories dear,
And every window a picture frames
Of hilltops blue and clear.

And the little house holds all the love
My longing heart can give.....
For this is the home among the hills
Where my mother used to live.
And my thoughts go back to the little house
As homing pigeons fly:
The quaint little house, the dear little
house,
Where the road goes winding by.

Anna Beala Phipps

931
83 HIGH STREET
CATSKILL, N. Y.

August 18, 1939.

Beloved Robert:

The enclosed letter is just to hand, and as I am unable to give to the writer the information he desires, I am wondering if you can.

A few years ago I read somewhere a statement you made to the effect that Miss Goreh's father ~~was~~ was a minister of outstanding ability, which leads me to think you may know something of her history that I could send to the writer of this letter.

In 1883 DR. Pentecost had me Miss Goreh's verses that were printed in a pamphlet with other poems of hers, and very soon I set music to them and began singing her beautiful hymn. I have a letter from her written a few years ago in response to one I had

written her on learning she was very ill,

I little dreamed that the musical setting would make her hymn famous all over the religious world when it was written, thinking it was not of the sort to catch the popular ear, which was the principal reason for the kind of music I gave it.. And doubtless she felt the same when writing it. In spite of the prophesy it has found a response indicating that God had made it a blessing to many people in all parts of world.

I saw the other day that you were on the program of the Baptist World Alliance at Atlanta, which indicates that you have not yet hung your harp upon the willow, which is a pleasant fact-and one to thank God for- that you have not yet, and it is to be hoped you will not for many years to come.

By the way, I wonder why you are not on

the pro-

the the program of the August Conference at
Northfield this year, ^{83 HIGH STREET} and if I remember rightly
^{CATSKILL, N. Y.}
you were not last year.

In regard to myself, I am thankful to say
- I keep feeling well all the time, though Time is
taking toll of my strength as indicated in my
walking about with a cane in hand to keep me
from disgracing myself by staggering too much.

But my sister has not fared so well this
summer, as she fell and fractured the bone in
one of her legs, necessitating six weeks in the
hospital and another six week-going on seven, on
her bed at home. But I am happy to say that
she is gradually recovering her strength, and in
another six weeks will, D. V. be walking again.

In all other respects life is going on
with me much as it has the past forty years .

I did not intend saying so much when I be-

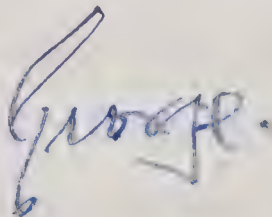
gan this letter, and I trust you will not try to answer it beyond answering the questions of the missionary, and a brief word about yourself and Mrs. Speer.

Dont forget, however, that your old "Uncle George" still loves you and the memories of you in the wonderful days of long ago.

My love to Mrs. Speer too, as always.

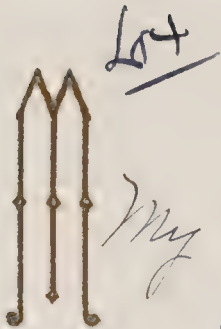
I am affectionately yours.

Uncle

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "George". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'G'.

Wapello, Iowa.

April 26-1939.



My Dear Cousins: -

Your card arrived this morning, and we are answering it at once to wish you Bon-Voyage. I have a dream of visiting England some day, and in case the dream does not come true, well I will have had the dream, anyway.

I am reading Margaret Halsey's "With Malice toward Some" and I am enjoying her description of some of the shires I would like to see. You know my Mother's

people were from Massachusetts, and so when your card came I looked over the English Ancestry of some of her ancestors and I find these you might be interested in

Rev. Samuel Newman - Oxfordshire, who published a Concordance of the Bible in 1643.

Rev. Edward Shore - King's College - Cambridge.

Rev. Stephen Bachiler - Vicar - Church of Holy Cross and St. Peter - Wherwell - Hampshire.

The Lord Family - Sudbury - Suffolk,

Lowell " - Somersetshire.

Perival " - Weston - on - Gordan,

Boffin " - Devonshire.

Greenleaf " - Ipswich - Suffolk.

Merill " - Wharstead - Ipswich.

Swall " - Coventry - Warwickshire.
(Rev. Samuel)

Gerrish " - Somersetshire.

Grazbrook " - Yorkshire.

I brought some of the manuscript of my family history to Wapello thinking I would work on it and perhaps complete it, but the majority of the ladies are crocheting lace table cloths and I am afraid I caught the fever as I have started one too.

No, we have not succeeded in finding a house yet. That is the reason I have

started the cloth.

Charles Arthur wrote to your friend Mr. Snowden. Wouldn't it be strange if he should need, at some future time, an accountant or auditor. I do have a feeling that this work is leading to something bigger and better. That it is a stepping-stone back to the field of finance and figures for which he educated himself and is capable in that line. We are holding the faith. It may be we must go slowly as long as Father and Mother & Eve are here.

We went up home last Sunday and they are neither of them very well. Mother had lumbago and Father was working too hard in the garden.

We will be happy to receive a card from England. Much Love Charles Arthur & Mother & Eve.

530 9 settlers

Weymouth, N.S.

Dec. 21 1939.

Dear Cousins:-

Charles Arthur joins me in wishing for you and yours - a very merry Yule-tide. We have thought - so often - about - your families in England and China, and we are glad to know - that - they - are not - in danger. Did they write you that - R. B. Louden, - Sr., had passed on?

Father and Mother Spear are quite frail this winter. It leaves Father the last of the large number of Fairfield cousins.

We are slowly becoming acquainted - and although it isn't - time to us yet, we have met - most - of the - nice people alike. Why the - ministers have not - called upon us is quite puzzling. When I recall Edwin Markham's "What - we send into the fire - is
other: - back into our own" I can't - help thinking that - we were put - here in this small

town for a definite purpose. Why, I do not know - unless to show me the number of strangers at home that I made no effort to acquaint - ~~them~~ with their surroundings. Altho' I always prided myself on the number of newcomers I did call on. They were, after all those of my own Church, Church or Politics. There were those no doubt - I must have been nice too, but - I was not.

One rainy, dark morning during this summer when all the world seemed as dark and stormy to me, the telephone rang, and a low sweet voice said "This is Mrs. Jones, on the next street" and when she went on to say she heard I was a stranger here, and she thought I might be homesome, so she called to visit - for a little while. Well, the visit lasted for an hour or so, what she said I do not remember, but - I will never forget - "This is Mrs. Jones, on the next street" - and I think someday I will write a toast - To Mrs. Jones, on the next street."

We were so happy for your Christmas message and thank you. Sincerely, Charles & Myrtle E. Spear.

1353 TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET
WASHINGTON, D. C.
NORTH 0448

Feb 23rd 1943

Dear Mrs Spear

I have been casting around since I got your letter of Feb 11th and saw how the present system works to see if anything can be done about the general problem that you have raised about these mothers and children. It is not easy even to get hold of all the facts particularly as I have no standing in these matters and I have to walk delicately like Agag. The solution of "allowing" them to go home is not open to us. The waiting list for passages is enormous and there simply is not the shipping that can be

spared. The position is the same in
Canada. I know of one mother who drives
a taxicab and another who is working as
a domestic servant (being normally an
employee of 4 or 5 herself!)

My personal conviction is that
circumstances have changed so radically
that we ought to attack the problem root &
branch & clear it up. But the real
difficulties are immense. I will do
personally what I can.

And thank you so much for your
interest - concern & help

Very sincerely yours

Noel Holm

40. Mrs. W. C. Sharman.

R. F. D. 3.

Sunday 26th July.

Brattleborough, Vt.

My dearest Grannie,

I was sorry to be ~~so~~ late in writing you last night. As I told you Hilda Sharman had much to do in Brattleborough — and it was 8.30 before all her odd jobs were finished. We had to do lots of telephoning about poor Kitty who had been sent on elsewhere by mistake. Apparently some one else was expecting a cat from Connecticut and it was too much for the Brattleboro' Express to believe that 2 cats could be sent from Conn. on the same day — so the first enquirers got the first cat! The moving men also had adventures for they had a bad breakdown and did not arrive in Brattleboro' until after 11 p.m. Of course, the Drug Store, where they were to call for the key, was closed but they rang up Hilda & she remembered that the key of her garage was at a neighbour's house. When the men finally reached the garage the lights failed and they had to pack the stuff away by the light of one flash light. We went to see it yesterday and they have certainly done a splendid job in spite of all their difficulties. Everything was packed

so neatly - the mattresses covered with dust sheets etc.

The house will be very satisfactory I think. It has three excellent children's bed rooms and very good bathroom - complete with built in cupboards, drawers and a shower. Downstairs, a very good kitchen, dining-room & living room leading out of each other - also another small room where I think I will sleep. Below, in the basement, is a good play room. At the back of the house the road, a cul-de-sac, leads directly into the school playground. Even Ruth will be able to go alone to kindergarten. The rent of the house is \$45 per month - including the rent of the cooler refrigerator. One must reckon on another \$85 per year for heat - making a monthly average of \$52. I was advised to order the coal immediately - 5 tons - the full capacity of the coal cellar, and have done so. And I have taken the house as from September 1st. I doubt whether living in Brattleborough - apart from rents - is much cheaper than Lakeville - food seems pretty much the same anywhere. There will be no Dr. Wieler there and I think I ought to join the Hospital Insurance scheme. On the other hand, I could make manage on the \$175, paying my own rent (mean). It was a great help to live "rent free" at Lakeville because it made just all that difference in

providing a good summer for instance - particularly for Jonathan who I feel needs that wholesome contact with men of his own father's age so much. I am most deeply grateful to you, or to the unknown person, who paid the rent last year and just as soon as I can get down to it, I am going to sit down & write a letter which you can pass on. It made so much difference but I do want to say this, Grannie, about the future - just in case it was you & Lobbie who paid it I don't feel you should go on doing it. You have so many extra expenses with in your own family and I am sure that I can manage.

On Friday night, when you were sitting talking whilst I had supper, there were so many things I wanted to tell you - but they all seemed so inadequate. They will still be inadequate on paper but I do want you to know how much it has meant to all of us to know you all. Quite apart from all the material help and all the little comforts you gave us, by far the things I most appreciated were the impoundables. I know that I can never adequately express to you what it meant last year to feel that not only the children but I myself ^{too} were surrounded by your love.

and affection. Coming on top of an experience such
as we had had the previous year - a year of so many
misunderstandings that one had simply deliberately
hardened oneself inside in order to be able to carry on
at all - you and Lobbie and Pat were almost
overwhelming. Whatever the future should hold in
store, our year in Lakeville will always remain
a year in which one's thoughts fly back to "Rockledge"
and to all the people in it with a deep feeling of
thankfulness for having known ^{them} ~~you~~. My only regret is
that there seemed so little we could do in return. As I
told ^{you}, I have never had any grandparents; and with the
exception of my own mother, whom even in England they
only saw once or twice a year, neither have the
children. And there will never be another "Grannie &
Lobbie" to us. Thank you both for just being what
you are. You shared so much of yourselves and your lovely home life
with us - and no one could share more than that.

This letter has been written in statements for
visitors arrived soon after I had started it. Now
I am on the Cape for a week. My address until
next Tuesday is: -
c/o Mrs. Rex Horsfield. South Yarmouth. Mass.

Before I left Brattleborough, Ruth was saying "couldn't I just go back to Waverille to see them all & then come back?"

Garnie dear, this letter in no way expresses what I wanted to say, but it must go. Please remember me to Alice and Wobbie, and with our fondest love to you,

Elspeth.

Dear Wobbie
Thank-you for the
Note Paper.
I got a doll from
Mummy.

from

Alison

WOBBIÉ.

46 Elmwood

Weylyn Garden City

Dec. 26, 1944. Herts.

Dear Wobbie,

I hope you get better from your illness quickly. Thank you very much for the money. It came to 15/- I need-
ed it very badly. I am going to broadcast in the B.B.C's schools programme about American coun-
try schools. The whole ^{family}, except Dad
dry, might discuss talk about travel
(P.T.O.)

in America. I got 8 books for
Christmas, so now I have plenty
to read. ~~Lots~~ Give my love to
Granny. Happy New Year.

Lots of Love,
From,

Jonathan

46 Elmwood
Weylyn Garden City
30/12/1944

Dear Wobbie

Thank-you for the \$ three.

I hope you wont have a bad operation.

I like England very much but I like the weather in U.S.A. better we have had a very heavy frost. Daddy wrote me a book called The Book of Alison I like it very much it has got pictures in it. Send my love to ganony and Alice.

Love

Frost-

Miriam

(dictated by Ruth)

46 Elmwood
Wichita Garden City

20/1/44

Dear Mamma,

Thank you very very much for the
money.

For Christmas I got a lovely Satchel
which I have been wanting very much. I
got some other money and altogether it
made £1.

I got five books and I got a
sweet little mouse from Ben.

Emilia is very well. She was
left at a great big house all night.
But I got her back.

I hope you soon will be better.
I would like you to come to England
to see us with Granny.

With lots of love
from
Ruth.



This is 46 Elmwood. The cross is where my
bedroom.

46 Elmwood.

Walsby Garden City

Herts.

29th December.

Dearest Fannie & Wobbie,

My good intentions to get Xmas
mail off to you in time for Xmas
Day were all frustrated. I got as far
as getting the children's messages
on their cards - & then as so often
happens one thing happened after another to
prevent my letter getting written.
But you do not know how often we
all think of you both and talk of you
and I would dearly love to be a
good "grand daughter" & send you a regular
fortnightly or monthly letter but with us

help in the house I find that very often the only time I sit down during the whole day is just for about 1 hour in the evening. It sounds fantastic - but it is so .. As Pat has probably told you, life here nowadays is very time consuming - although as far as domestic help goes I believe she is better placed in Bristol than we are here.

The children thoroughly enjoyed Xmas and were most delighted with their £3. Over & over again they said "But Lobbie kind to remember us." They are writing themselves but I'd like to thank you too for giving them so much pleasure. And Fannie too for that

lovely green dress length.

We have had the whitest Xmas England has had for years. Such heavy hoar frost - every blade of grass and every twig magically coated with snow. I've never seen England look more lovely. And the children were so delighted - Alison said "This is the first winter I have liked in England." (They still miss the sun and all the winter activities of America. V Bouts were a fairly decent but unpleasant accompaniment of Xmas. The children take them amazingly calmly - only recently Alison wakes up if the sun goes at night. A week or so ago she came & climbed into bed with me & together we watched a "doodlebug" go along parallel to our window. When the flesh

& thunder of the explosion came she
shook from head to foot but said
in such a valiant, defiant little
voice & so scornfully "And the
germans thought we should be
afraid of them!" I thought it so
pathetic & so characteristic of her.
Jonathan has never shown the slightest
emotion about them - we almost
wish he would for we feel we have
no clue as to his feelings. Ruth
usually sleeps through everything -
only once where she saw me
she said afterwards "Oh! my
poor heart; I thought it would
~~break~~ ^{break} with thumping! But the
whole though we feel the raids
have been good for Jonathan as he

feels he has "been through it" just as
his school contemporaries have.
We are much puzzled as to what
to do about his education. His
present school doesn't suit him
& one's choice here is not very
extensive. We have been strongly
advised by the Educational Adviser
of the S. S. F. to send him to the
local secondary school (it is new,
very modern & apparently good) for
three years & then to send him
to height on Park or Bootham. Alison &
Ruth seem quite happy where they
are although I don't think the
teaching is really good in the
lower part of the school. But there's such a
happy atmosphere.
What a nasty accident poor Fiona

had - & how thankful we were it
had ~~no~~ more serious consequences.
But it must have given her
a very unpleasant shock.

Pat has kept us informed
of Lobbie's progress & we do indeed
rejoice that you were together
for Xmas & we all send you,
dear Lobbie, our loving hopes
for a speedy & complete recovery.
One can't help wondering what
1945 will bring. So many of us
hoped earlier in the year that
peace might have come to Europe
by this Xmas. People here are more
upset & shaken by the tragedy
of Greece than they have been
over anything for a long time.

Robert may be coming on a short visit to the States when this European War is over. How I wish I could come with him! You'd be surprised how nostalgic I feel sometimes. I really feel I "belong" to both countries & I can tell the children so too. They have very happy memories of their last two years here. Alison misses Fiona still & if you wishes they lived nearer - & so of course do I.

I'm afraid this is rather a scraggy letter, but Robert has the windows on (Miss John.) & we can't have more than one fire in the house these days. I wish I could see you. I don't feel about it doesn't go very far.

Please accept ^{our} loving greetings
for 1945 & our thanks for the lovely
gifts.

With very much love to you both,

Your loving
Steph

46 Elmwood.

Welwyn Garden City

Herts. Eng.

16th August 1944.

My very dearest Franise,

Day after day has passed & I have hoped to write but always something happens - but at last today I've been deserted by my family for a whole afternoon. Alison & Ruth have gone to their School "Holiday Club" which functions every Wednesday for the 'under 9's'. Robert has a week's holiday & he + Jonathan have gone to explore Roman remains at St. Albans. It is a hot, sunny & glorious afternoon and except for the occasional wail of the sirens followed by the thuds of a few flying bombs

dropping somewhere in the distance, all is quiet & peaceful & amazingly uneventful. We are spending our "holidays at home" this year - and although I rather looked forward to it with dread - having very little help - we are managing splendidly & enjoying ourselves a lot. I neglect the house as far as possible & the children swim nearly every morning in our local open-air swimming pool. In the afternoons we go out picnics on our bicycles & explore our own county.

All the family are well & happy - and we still talk about you a lot - and wish we could see you & Bobbie.

We were delighted to have a visit from Pat & Bob - both looking very well - not long ago. Next term we hope Joan will be able to come

over from St. Christophers to see us.

It has been a hard & busy year with no domestic help at all until recently. Now I have a woman from 2-4 on Tuesday afternoons - she scrubs the kitchen &arder, & bath room etc which helps a lot. I do find English house work exhausting without any of the American aids. Nothing can be done about it in wartime but I do think the English housewife will be foolish if she doesn't demand more labour saving appliances when the war is over.

We do so enjoy having the Shermans so near - only about 4 miles away. We see them often & next term Joan & Lydia are going to the same school

as our three! One is tempted to
utter the obvious platitude "but the
world a small place?"! I only wish
Pat's other family were equally
accessible although she is fortunate
to be well out of reach of flying
bombs which are definitely very
unpleasant. I am so amazed at the
reaction of our three - and thankful
too. They did so hate the thought
of air raids in America. Here they
take everything in their stride. During
the February raids, although things
dropped quite close - they slept soundly
through everything. Jonathan's reaction
to being waked at 6 a.m. by a flying
bomb was "Gosh! I loved that; it made
me bounce in my bed." !! Of course,
if anything came near enough to shatter

our windows or anything else like that they would, I know lose their intimacy, clear but meanwhile we feel that our policy of 'taking no notice' has up to now repaid us with the possession of steady nerves. Things are so hopeful now that we hardly dare to hope that the war in Europe may be over before long. We only hope no flying bomb hits us before the end!

Dear Fanny - all your "communications" have been received & so gratefully appreciated. Ruth kept on saying at intervals "Aren't Fanny & Lobbie kind to remember us." And indeed you are - I am often staggered, when I look back over the past few years, to remember all the lovely things you & Lobbie did for us - all the unponderable acts

than the practical ones. Above all,
the affection you gave us at a time
when I personally felt completely starved
we shall never forget it - & we all
mean to come back to visit you
someday! Oh dear! I'd so love
to hear your voice - or even to
hear the Beutlebox' operator say
"I've a call from Lakeville, Conn.
for you." You'd be surprised to know
how nostalgic I often get for America
& the American countryside. I absorbed
far more of its atmosphere than I
realised.

Now I must go & feed the hens -
& get supper for the children who
will soon be home. I have 6 hens -
who lay wonderfully well - they began

to lay in May & we have had more than 500 eggs since! I also have two hives of bees but it hasn't been a good honey season - I think we shall only get about 10 lbs.

Ruth & Alison have just arrived

Ruth says "Dear Granny, I have got lots of friends at school. One is Jennifer Campbell & one is Terry Crother & one is Elizabeth Martin. Now I am 6. I sleep in a bunk bed and I have lost two teeth & now I have two more loose ones. It is very sad but I have lost Emily but I have some very nice other ones. One is named Wendy, one is named Mary, one is named David and he is Chinese but he is very delicate, we have some hens & a climbing

frame and a swing. love from
Ruth."

Alice says "Dear Fanny. We go to a
holiday club on Wednesday. & today
I went swimming at "The Clock."
I miss you awfully. love from
Alison.

Please remember us all to Alice -
& we all send our fondest love
to you & Lobbie. I wonder so often
whether you still have Marnie with
you & how you all are & I'd
dearly love a letter although
I know I don't deserve one!
Your very loving
Elsbeth.

46 Elmwood

Waltham Town City,

27. 12. 44

Dear Grandma Thottie,

I hope you don't mind my addressing you
so, but I can't always think of you. Christmas is
over - the whitest Christmas we in England have had
for a long time. This is the fourth day of very
heavy frost. Everything here in Waltham looks
very lovely, but it will be lovely in London!

We had such a happy time. The
children were just as thrilled as they could be
and insisted in going through all the ritual -
Christmas stockings - singing Carols round the
tree before the presents were distributed and so
on.

Only Ruthie took, and when
frisky, believe in Father Christmas but
John & Alison conspire to keep up the

her faith. They were delighted with their \$3 each
They are getting to be age when the fun of
spending money makes things of a far more
it was most kind of year. Larry says
first "Ouching, Daddy, I'm not going to spend
it on a lot of little things!"

They had lovely - and characteristic -
Babson parcel with something from everyone
for every one. Wish we could be more of
the Babsons - but we did have a glimpse of
Bob & Pat in the Cinema.

In an hour - Esquith & I - a real
Real tonight: listening to a broadcast of
Hurdell's "Kessials". From myself I can
never listen to a good performance of it
with a dry eye. Has it I wonder, the
lost in America, that it has here? In

this country, it is the whole of us is to die
Italians. The main line of thought - it is
the principle of every Church society &
Church choir ambitions. But the love of
his air is just as great among people with
little or no knowledge of music as with the
sophisticated.

To the present day Christmas has been
a sad time in our way. We do not think in
the summer, but it might be the first
Christmas of peace. And now comes
Roosevelt's offensive and the tragedy of
Aunt Sam in Greece. People are more
upset by the Latin Union I have seen them
for some time, and there has been a great
deal of feeling that somewhere our handling
of the problem has gone wrong - or rather

I should say Churchill's handling for everyone
knows his is a very nervous personality.
Of course one cannot have the virtues of
a man without his defects. And his
Christmas flight to Athens shows him at
his very best, I feel.

The V. rockets are a hideous
accompaniment to Christmas festivities.
Wally gave for a chicken party, had
night in his party, and we had a
heavy thunder, through island, explosion
and (Wally said) quite calmly "how did it
work out, Wally?"

So far as he - and perhaps
Minnie is concerned. he felt that they
have returned to England while she is

But under attack is in some ways a good
thing. It saves them from the humiliation
of feeling that they didn't go through the
pamper their friends went through.

I am hoping very much to be
able to arrange a short visit to New
York once the war in Europe is over.
If it comes off, not the least thing to look
forward to will be to meet you and
thank you - if I can - for the
innumerable kindnesses you showed my
family. I thought I should never
be able to convey my gratitude for
the greatest gift of all - the wealth
of love and affection you showed me upon

them.

Elspeth keeps well but has a very hard life in running the house without any domestic help and all the domestic inconveniences and inefficiencies of house-hold England. I really do think the ladies of England, particularly those with young children, have had about the toughest deal of all in this country.

Two letters bump my very warmest good wishes for 1945 and hope that Bobbie's health will be fully restored. The Countryman will continue to come as usual and that the boys as former takers of Grammi & Wobbi.

With love, Robert.

46 Elmwood,

Welwyn Garden City

Herts. England.

21st February. 1945.

My very dear Fannie & Tobbie,

This year, contrary to custom, I really did make a New Year Resolution - it was that you should have a letter once a month - even if it were only a short one. And already February is almost over, & next weekend is half term - so I must hurry to get your letter off before the month is quite gone.

You have both been so much in
our thoughts this month as Pat told
us Wobbie must have another operation.
And I have longed so much that
we were nearer & could get quicker
news. But if thoughts are of any
use - well you certainly have our
very loving concern. The Christmas
card was looched & remains in
solitary state upon the playroom
mantelpiece - the children won't
have it moved.

March 8th. And now March is here & still this
letter is unfinished. That is less things are
here these days - there is just so little
time to do the things one wants to do.

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One makes plans & they are almost
always frustrated. For instance last November
I extracted a promise from some local
Nurseries to send a man round to cut
down & root out & cart away some of the
many overgrown shrubs & bushes which
completely over shadow & starve our small
garden of sun & food & make the house
horribly dark. They've never come in
spite of repeated requests & promises.
Three weeks ago they rang up to say
they were coming that week but could
now only prune the fruit trees. So for
3 weeks I have hung around - dashing
back from shopping etc. in case they
arrived & still they haven't come. Again -
this house is in a deplorable state of
repair - cracks in the plaster - paper peeling
off walls etc. In October after waiting a

You will, I know, want to hear how
 they have reacted to ~~the~~ flying bombs
 rockets. Here we have been very
 fortunate. We have seen and heard
 plenty but although our little town has
 had them dropping all around (literally
 in a circle) we have had nothing
 nearer than a mile & have so far
 suffered nothing worse than severe
 shaking from blast. I don't know which
 I dislike worst V1 or V2. V1 ones hear
 for such a long time, chugging along
 until it seems to ~~roar~~ roar straight at
 you & you realise it has passed - V2
 you don't hear at all until after
 everything has happened as it travels
 faster than sound - so one does sometimes
 wonder whether each amount may not be

one's last - but fortunately the children do not realize that. So long as nothing worse happens to them we rather feel that this living in a "target" area has done them nothing but good - the two elder ones quite definitely feel they have shared in the common experience - and when we think of all that our allies in Holland are going through we realize how much we have to be thankful for.

I keep very busy with bees & bees & almost no domestic help. I have at last managed to get a woman one morning a week & that feels wonderful after having none at all. I have been asked to talk to various groups & societies

about America & life in New England. ⁴
Our Society has just sent me an
invitation to address them a third
time! The nicest of all & one I most
enjoyed was the local secondary school -
about 350 boys & girls from 11-18 years.
Although the meeting was due to finish
at 11.45 a.m. they asked so many
questions that it was 12.45 before
I finally got away. They were so interested
& responsive.

You can have no idea how nostalgic
I get, very frequently, for America. In spite
of the difficulties it really "got" me,
you know - & I do so long to see you all
again.

To return to the children - did I tell

you that both Ruth & Alison are
turning out to be very unsical?
Jonathan hasn't yet begun but shows
definite promise. He wants to learn
Violin but I am insisting on 1 year's
piano first in order to get a foundation
of musical knowledge. He begins after
Easter. Alison is doing very well at
piano - and Ruth, unfortunately,
is racing ahead of her. The standard
of music at the school they go to, is
very high & school reports say that
Ruth is exceptionally unsical & also
has a "charming singing voice." Her
music teacher confirms this. As Alison
wants to learn the Cello later on
we've begun to wonder whether we

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Shall we say have a "Silver Tea"
Wouldn't it be fun?

What can I say, Paddy dear, of all
the communications which arrive
from you & Bobbie. Just that we do
really appreciate them & thank you
for them. It makes such a difference
to feel 'not quite cut off' from our
friends.

Please give my love & my deepest
good wishes to Bobbie for his recovered
health & vigour. It would be terrible
to have him ill. & we all send him
our most loving thoughts & to you
too Paddy in your anxiety. And
remember us to Alice - the children
& the folk of her - & a great deal of love to
yourself. Your very devoted - Elsie.

CABLE TO ROBERT E. SPEER.

9,35 A.M. Bristol England- Sept. 11. (Deferred)

1944

Everyone flourishing- Send dearest love-
Fiona- Don- Joan- Pat.

(Signed)

Bob.

Sir

THE MASTERS SCHOOL

DOBBS FERRY-ON-HUDSON

NEW YORK

Feb. 23rd 1945

Dearest Father Fred -

Mother Speer sends me such
good news of you in which we
all rejoice.

Yesterday was Parents Day here
at the School - a very interesting
occasion. Dr. Morgan Doyes &
a Mr. Richards asked especially
for you & said they very warmly
greetings. The latter said his
father was an old friend of yours -
that he was at one time the
Minister of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian
Church. While this father said
you probably would remember him

That do remember you'

Our snow is lessening as I
trust you is - it is still too
early - however - for me -

Thank you for your call &
by car for your nice letter -
I merged yours in decided
love to your mother & father

Henry

(Handwritten - faint)



"Dear Fannie & Wobbie,

I like my new home.

"MY NAME IS EMILY. WILL YOU PLEASE MY MUMMA?"
So I have a new MUMMA of love from Ru. 16th Emily.

you very much. I have a bicycle. I have a friend who has been in hospital with Rheumatism & Pneumonia & I have been to see her. Thank you for my last letter. Soon it will be Xmas. I have music lessons in England. I have a friend over the road whom I play with - she is called Sheila - I am is her brother. Last Xmas I went to London to see "Alice in Wonderland". Last week I went to London with Mummy to buy a new pair of shoes. One night Mummy came home from London with a pig. It had a label on. The label said



To Penny Thobbs
from
Jonathan.

June 1944.



To Granny + Lobbie

from
Alison

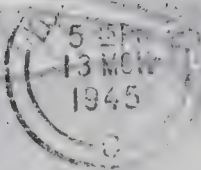
Dear Granny + Lobbie,

I have got a new bicycle.

At the end of term we are going to have
a play called "King Cophetua". I am
a maiden called Kate + I have to sing
in the play. There are lots of songs + dances
in the play because everyone wants
to marry the King. I wish you were
here. I miss you awfully much

lots of love,

Alison



11/14

Bally
Tel

Mrs. Robert E. Speer,

700 Fourth St Rockledge.

Hamdenville.

Connecticut.

U.S.A.



46 Elmwood,

Wellesley Garden City,

Dear Grannie & Wobbie

Herts.

Thank you very much for the
£1. I shall buy something very
worth-while with it. I am
writing with a new fountain-
pen that Mummy gave me.
Daddy gave me three John
Buchan books, including a
"The Thirty-nine Steps", a popular
book over here.

On Christmas Eve we went
to King's College, Cambridge to
see and hear a the broadcast
Festival of Nine Lessons and

Carols. I enjoyed it very much.

~~I am~~ In July I joined the Boy Scouts and now I am a Fully invested Scout.

With Lots of Love

From

25.12.46.

Jonathon

P.S. We all wish that we could be over there with you all enjoying the winter skiing, sledging and skating.

46 Elmwood
Walswyn Garden
City

Herts

25.12.46

Dear Granney and Wobbie,

I hope you are well and I hope you ^{had}
a lovely Christmas.

Thank you very much for the £1 for
Christmas this year I had £2. The han
I am using is a Christmas present. It
was from Mummy, Jonathan got one as
well.

with much love from

Alison

Chatham, Ont.,

March 25/47

Dr. R.E. Speer-

Lakeville, Conn.,

Dear Doctor Speer-

Many thanks for the data that you sent me on your family, which I appreciate receiving.

Your daughter-in-law has been giving me some very valuable help in completing your branch of our McMurtrie Clan.

I note that you are a Presbyterian, as I am too. I am an Elder and have held many positions in church work, especially

in Sunday School, Boys' Work and Young People's Work, at one time being a member of the "General Board of Sabbath Schools and Young Peoples" of the Pres. Church in Canada.

I have found a large number of members of our Clan actively engaged in the work of the Pres. Church. One of the most prominent in the Old Land was the Late Very Rev. John McMurtrie of Edinburgh, Scot. who was Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for one term.

Best wishes for a Happy
Easter,

Sincerely yours-

*Alex. David
McMurtrie*

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

AJB:H

April 2, 1923.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,
Englewood, New Jersey.

Dear Robert:

I have just learned of your great bereavement in the death of your brother. It would not be right for me to burden you with many words at a time when your grief is so great, but I must at least send a message of sympathetic remembrance. My heart goes out to you very tenderly. If there is anything that I can do to help you, be sure and command me freely. Meantime, I have told your clerks that if there is anything in your mail requiring immediate attention they should refer it to me. I feel sure, however, that the best help that I can give is to pray with all my heart, as I do, that you may be more vividly conscious than ever of the presence and sustaining grace of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Thank God, we know where our loved ones go and that we shall meet them again. Meantime, underneath are the Everlasting Arms and they do not fail us in the time of need.

Pardon the use of a stenographer, but I have enough writers' cramp to make it necessary for me to restrict writing to signatures.

Affectionately yours,

Arthur Brown

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 2, 1923

Dear Mr. Spurr: -

We grieve with you in the loss of your dear brother whose death has just been reported. This is the third note of sympathy in bereavement that I have written this morning, and some way I cannot feel depressed after the wonderful buoyancy of Easter music and inspiration. But without that radiance and power how deep would be our despair and how gloomy the darkness!

I know that the Father of love and of light will be very near and dear to you and to the other bereaved ones of your brother's family.

With fullest sympathy, I am

Devotedly Yours,

George T. Scott

156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 2nd, 1923

Dear Robert,

You and I are not men of many words, but I want you to know that I have been thinking of you and yours all day - I have no doubt of your strong faith and that it will sustain you, but no faith is so strong that it cannot be buttressed by a friend's faith and prayer - and I want you to know that I am close to you in these shadowed hours. It was forty-three years ago that my older brother dropped at my side as we entered Princeton - For this reason I can enter with you into this experience.

I am sure God will keep and bless you - Faithfully yours
Stanley White-

SW

I know you will call upon me if there
is anything I can do to help you here -

MRS. CHARLES KIRKLAND ROYS
82 WASHINGTON PLACE
NEW YORK CITY

April 3, 1923.

Dear Mr. Spurr: May I tell you that
I have been thinking of you with
understanding sympathy since
I heard of your Brother's Home-going?
I know full well the experience
of having Heaven's door open
to admit one dearly-loved.
And I know that these days
are yielding to you a
fresh sense of the nearness
of the Father's Home.
May the comfort of our
Risen Lord be yours in large
measure!

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. K.) Mabel M. Roys.

101 EAST 74TH STREET

April 20th 1923,

My dear Robert,

Will you permit
me to extend to you the
sympathy which Mrs.
Hay and I feel in
this great loss which
you have sustained.

affectionately,

Joseph

SELCOTE
LYDECKER STREET
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

April 7th 1923

My dear Rob,

It was not until last evening when calling at your house that I learned from Mrs. Spear of your brother's death on Sunday last. I have not read the papers at all regularly and, though I looked over the notices of deaths in the Tribune, I did not see it there so the news came as a shock to me. Had I known of it earlier I should certainly have endeavored to have ^{made} earlier expression to my love and sympathy.

As I have thought of you in your bereavement I have ^{been} trying to imagine what this special trial — the loss of a loved elder brother which by God's grace I have thus far been spared — would mean. Sometimes I suppose, it is only the experience of a parallel sorrow that makes sympathy in its fullest sense possible,

and the loss of the dearest of friends is not a parallel to the loss of a brother, for this loss involves the severing of the family bond, a bond which perhaps we do not often enough think of as a God-given relationship quite distinguishable from the dearest and closest of man-made friendships. It is part of the sad story of man's perversion of his Heavenly Father's good gifts that we take the family group as the base on which to found our differences and our hates, instead of using them as God intended as the abiding foundations of love and confidence. Rightly used as in the case of you and your brother the family relation on earth is the fitting symbol and type of the family of God in heaven; you and he were not only fellow-citizens of that Jerusalem which is above, which is free and the mother of us all, but also brothers in that Holy Family

which has one Letter ^{3.} and one Elder Brother,
and which knows no changing seasons as
it knows no separations, but keeps forever
unbroken one gift of God to earth, Love.

In the shadows which are about you
today may you catch gleams of the un-fail-
ing Light

Ever affectionately

Moncay Williams

Mr. Robert E. Speer

Walnut Street

Englewood, N. J.



THE MANSE
ENGLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Dear Rob—

This is just a word to
tell you that your three
friends at the Manse are
thinking of you in the
morning that we know is
yours for your brother's
death. No matter how
deep and real the spiritual
unity that cannot be

Broken, there is always
loss. — The human presence
one cannot help missing.

I do not try to say one
word of comfort — you
have the source of all
comfort in your heart
and have filled the cup
so often for others — I can
never forget you and
Emma in our own
sorrow. But your

Friends are with you
in the affection and
sympathy that has —
and needs — no words.

Our love to you all —
A. J. B. E.

Dear Mr. Speer: -

You have been
so much in my thoughts
lately. I wish there was
something I could have
done to help.

Sincerely,

Ann J. Reid.

MARGARET E. HODGE
EAST GRAVERS LANE
CHESTNUT HILL
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Apr. 3rd 1923

Dear Mr. Speer, We have thought much of you during these days of suspense and sorrow through which you have been passing, and I want to add my word of sympathy to that of your many other friends.

Cordially yours,
Margaret E. Hodge



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Handwritten: ~~Handwritten:~~
Benson Springs Inn
Enterprise, Florida

MAY 1 1923

SECRETARIES

April 5, 1923

Dear Mr. Robert Speer:

Just let me creep up quite
unbeknownst, and take your hand
in mine, assuring you of my
loving sympathy.

A while ago my precious brother
passed off. He was a Presbyterian
elder in New York avenue, and then
in Covenant, Washington, and was
called to the General Assembly in
the life unmeasured by the light of
year. I know what it means, and
can enter into the fellowship of your
joyous sorrow. My love dear, dear
Robert. Always yours,

Handwritten: O. W. Halford

Mr. Robert E. Speer

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DELAVAN L. PIERSON, EDITOR
156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

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SECRETARIES

April 3/23

My Dear Rob -

My heart's sympathy,

goes out to you in the death
of your brother, a notice of
which I saw in today's Times.

His going means a loss
to those he leaves behind
but the Easter season brings
new assurances of the life
that cannot die. I did not

know your brother well
but if he was any thing
like you I would love him

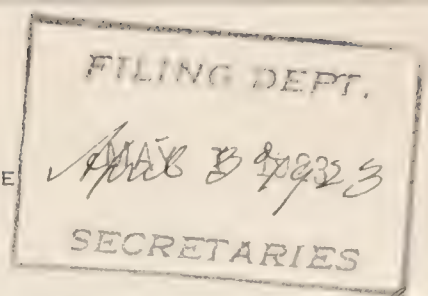
and cherish his memory.
His family will sorely miss
him but they have a
heritage that he has left
behind in the knowledge
of the service he has
rendered to many and
with memories of happy
days together.

Death still has a sting
but not a deadly sting
to those who believe in
Christ - Thank God.

Affectionately and Sympathetically

Yours
Delavan L. P.

TRUSTEES OF THE
CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK



My dear Robert:

We grieve with you in the
severing of this intercourse, or, might
I call it, interrupted intercourse. The
family circle is not broken but smaller
and ^{just} expanded. You have been a soldier
so long that you take up your burdens
in the morning from habit and
under the stimulus of things wanting
to be done for which you are called.

I imagine that you find a solace
in this far over much sorrow

Each day is a days march nearer
home, perhaps not so much in the
sense of quiet and comfort which
we associate with our next life
home, as in this the freedom of
larger service and the develop-
ment which naturally or inherently
comes with it.

"I am nearer my home today than

"I ever have been before" is ever
brought home to us by each depart-
ture to that home. The years are
fewer but the service and the profits
are riper. The old home is gone but we need it so long.

With my warmest sympathy & love
Harry E.

Wm. Grant



THE FEDERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA

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MAY 1 1923

SECRETARIES

REV. SAMUEL MCCREA CAVERT

105 EAST TWENTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK

April 3, 1923

Dear Dr. Speer:

You have been very often in my thoughts since I heard of your brother's death yesterday morning. You already have inner resources of strength and comfort far beyond anything that the words of friends can convey, but I want you to know that I am thinking of you. Among the great host of people who feel, in some measure at least, any sorrow that comes to you. I hope I may be counted as one.

How the loss of those who have been
dear to us does make us feel ourselves
citizens of an unseen world!

Devotedly your friend,

Samuel M. Covert

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574 MADISON AVENUE

MAY 1 1923

Spice
SECRET 1923

Dear Dr. Speer: -

I have thought so
much of you during
all these days of anxiety,
and now I do want
to send you a word of
loving sympathy -

I think the Easter
is the most beautiful
time to go home, and
I am sure that the

East - glad things
will bring comfort
to your heart -

This is not to be
answered - It is just
a thought which I
could not help sending.

Love to you all -

Yours faithfully

Oliver M. Davison

WILLIAM REVELL MOODY

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EAST NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
SECRETARIES

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Mr Rob:

One day when we were motoring you told me something of your brother's unusual and pleasant genius and I realized how you admired him and in what warm affection you regarded him. Now the news of his going makes me realize your bereavement.

Be assured, my dear Rob, of my truest sympathy in your bereavement. I have met your brother but I can under-

SPRINGDALE
PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

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April 2nd
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SECRETARIES

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my dear Robert.
APR 4 1923

We are so sorry
to hear of your brother's death
and our hearts go out to you
in loving sympathy - you have
that comfort with which you have
so often comforted others - and we

pray that in this sore bereave-
ment you may find joy and
peace in believing.

Thence joins me in affectionate
remembrance.

Faithfully your friend
J. Ross Houston.

Frank W. Bible

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MAY 1 1923

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MAY 5 1923
MR. SPEER

My dear Mr. Speer:

Please accept my
deepest sympathy in the sorrow
which has come to you. Family
ties mean so much in my own
life that I can realize how
great your sense of loss must
be.

Sincerely yours.

Frank W. Bible

178 Main St

Madison.

N. J.

November 1, 1932

Mrs. Robert F. Barbour
533 North Wolfe Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Patty:

I have been slow in acknowledging your check because I have been laid up for six days with grippe. Ever so many thanks for it. I have just written Mother to thank her too.

Bill turned up here quite unexpectedly a week ago Sunday night, having come up from Princeton with Bill Bryant and Kit who were speaking at Deerfield. Bill is getting quite fed up with no exercise as well as various other things, but will snap out of it soon.

Father and Mother were here from Friday until Monday. I honored their visit by spending the whole time in bed except for an hour and a half Sunday morning when I arose and went down to the chapel for the installation that had been planned to affix me to this school as its headmaster.

With a great deal of love to you and
Bob,

533 NORTH WOLFE STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

O. Folin 20, 1952

Dear Mr. Elliott,

How is the new home, and how are
all of you? I wish I had time to write
more - but I must take Joan out.

Mother says she wants to pay for
Midge for the two weeks the children - yours -
were at Lakewille. She has settled with me -
so I herewith return \$25 to you.

Love
Peg.

September 16, 1932

Mrs. Robert F. Barber
c/o Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Patty:

Just a line to tell you that I am a dumb egg for sending you that bill from Brooks. The way to handle that is for you to send me a check for the amount of the bill less ten per cent. Let me deposit your check in my account and then send my own check on to Brooks. The bill is always stated for the full amount and we simply deduct the ten per cent ourselves in making payment. That is the way they have always done.

With best wishes and with apologies for the mystification I must have caused you,

Affectionately yours,

ES:HHH

September 15, 1932

Mrs. Robert F. Barber
c/o Mrs. Robert E. Speer
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Patty:

Enclosed is the bill from Brooks which I believe are for the sweaters you ordered for Bob.

I am sorry to be slow in getting off to you the rug you want for your living room there in Baltimore. You see it was in Greenfield with our rugs in storage there and as the house is such a mess here we have not gotten any of our rugs from Greenfield yet and I can't get this one rug alone because I don't know in which bundle it is. I hope by next week to be able to get it off to you.

With a great deal of love to you and Bob,

enc.

my sister
Mrs R F
Barton

533 N. Wolfe St.
~~3726 BEECH AVENUE~~
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Dear Elliott

Enclosed is the check. Many

Thanks.

Also Thanks for lending us the
rug. Our living room is large, & the
rug we used in the last house looks
like a lost island in the middle of
the floor.

I hope you're getting settled by

Now.

Sorry I can't write more - but
I've just gotten Joan to bed, & some
one is coming in for lunch.

Love

Patty.

September 12, 1934

Dear Patty:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have just given to a Miss Harriet Howard who really is an awfully nice person. She is nice-looking, quiet, bright; we haven't seen as much of her as we should like to, but Holly and I both like her very much.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter from Marnie which was apparently meant to go on to you long ago. I only got it a few days ago from Daisy who had it all summer.

We were terribly sorry to learn while we were up in Canada that little Hugh Baker had passed away. It seems impossible to believe and more difficult to understand. I have heard much about the disease and am wondering whether it is a form of osteomyelitis. One of our boys here a year ago had that and made a miraculous recovery, but was under careful care by our school doctor all last year. The symptoms sound like the same sort of thing.

Holly and I had a great time up in Canada, and so did Caroline and Eleanor. We got a cabin built on our island. It is 14 x 18 feet with a kitchen wing whose size is 7 x 7.

With a great deal of love to all of you,

P. S. Miss Howard's address in London is St. Paul's Girls School.

September 11, 1934

Dear Patty:

When, as, and if you get this note, it will be an introduction to Miss Harriet Howard who is in London for this winter. Miss Howard is one of the younger teachers at Northfield Seminary, and a person of whom Molly and I are particularly fond. She is in London for the winter as an exchange teacher, teaching at St. Paul's Girls School, in place of one of their teachers who is here at Northfield.

I do hope that she will send this letter on to you and that you will look her up.

I had thought of giving her a letter to Cara Barbara Simpson in Edinburgh, but as she won't be going up to Edinburgh right away and as you will be knowing Cara's plans, I wonder whether you would give her such a letter if later she does go up to Scotland.

With a great deal of love from us all,

Mrs. Robert F. Barbour
c/o Mrs. Bevan Baker
Pentlands, Englefield Green
Surrey, England

June 1, 1933

Mrs. Robert F. Barbour
533 North Wolfe Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Patty:

I wonder whether you are really going to ask me for my share of the present which you sent to Father and Mother on their wedding anniversary. Bill told me a week ahead that you were going to attend to it and that it was going to be a present from all of us together and all of us would share the cost. Since then I have not heard anything more about letting me know whether I was in on this, and if so, for how much.

Things are moving along well here, although these last ten days are pretty hectic. There won't be any sign of things quieting down until well to the end of July. By that time, you'll be at Lakeville and we'll hope to be seeing something of you.

With love from us all to you and Bob and Joan,

May 13, 1933

Dr. Robert F. Barbour
533 North Wolfe Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Bob:

I am ashamed to discover that your letter of April 5th has gone a month unanswered. I laid it aside at the time because of the uncertainty about Frank Fearsall of whom I wrote you about and who needs some psychiatric treatment. We have a very good psychiatrist here, but he gives us only a little time each month, serving simply in the capacity of consultant in some of our more troublesome cases. I finally succeeded in getting Frank Fearsall to go to him. At first Doctor Helgesson did not think he would be able to take on the treatment in Frank's case, but lately he has been seeing Frank regularly. He has gone into it more carefully and thinks that there is some chance that he will be able to help Frank himself without sending him to any psychiatric clinic or hospital.

We are tremendously interested in whatever plans you and Pat have. Bill was with us for the weekend after the boat races in Harvard. We heard a little bit about you people from him.

These last weeks of the school term are hectic to an unusual degree. It is rare to have an evening a week to ourselves. The work is piling up at a fearful rate.

April 5

533 NORTH WOLFE STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

MAY 13 1933

Dear Elliott,

Your esteemed epistle to hand -
The facts you offer are a trifle meagre
I gather it is "crowded places" that
your friend does not like rather
than "eating places"?

Most of these kind of people it
takes 2-3 weeks to get all the facts
of treatment thereafter varies with
the individual - I would count
on 5-6 weeks for.

We have the excessively
frivolous service with "restaurant
meals" that costs you \$150
a week upwards.

Then the ordinary Rates

Twenty-five
are \$ 25.00 a week in an open
ward with 7 other men or \$ 30.00^{thirty}
a week private room - the room
has a door on to the Ward.

This sum includes everything
Medical Fees - Consultant's Fee -
Nursing - maintenance etc -
There are three things it does not
cover

1. X Rays (probably not necessary
Personal in his case)
2. $\frac{1}{2}$ Laundry (wants to make it
the individual that no fixed
prices are possible)
3. Private Expenses - Sundries - Paper

Most of the pts in the ward spend
about \$ 27 - 28.00 a week
absolutely everything included.
There are no reduced rates for

people who reside outside Baltimore.

533 NORTH WOLFE STREET
BALTIMORE, MD.

To give you some idea of the company
at present on my ward (- The
comes before they 1st I would believe
physician & unless he is too sick) I have the most
convalescent ward.

1. Publisher act 42 - for 21 years on
firm - Income \$20,000 till the
Depression.
2. Advertising Syndicate Manager
Chicago Tribune act 38.
3. Swarthmore Phi Beta Kaph: act 25.
4. Jewish Boy from Detroit act 15
5. Minister - (Methodist)
6. Pennsylvania Highway Inspector
(Education slip)
7. Manager of local Book Store
ETC:

We are a comparatively small crowd
& mix well.

Tables for 3-6 in the Dining Room.

We are a Hospital tho. - a definite
routine of occupation - carpentry - sewing
etc. which everyone is expected to
take part in.

The only way in which it is a
Psychiatric Hospital is

The main door is locked - but most
of the patients are a general Pardon
which allows them to wander as they
like after the first week or ten days
when we feel we know: can trust them.
(We do look at ingay outgay wait)

There are vacancies at present -
probably will be in a week's time.
as I have several people who are
going shortly -

If he ~~is~~ wants to come - send me
a letter also one from his doctor
I will get it fixed up, telegraph
him when a bed is vacant.

Yours

B.B.

April 1, 1933

Mrs. Robert F. Barbour
533 North Wolfe Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Patty:

Enclosed is a letter of Bill's which Mother wanted to send to you and ask you to return afterwards to her. I hope that you people have gotten over your colds and troubles down there and are moderately healthy again. We are all out of the wood now up here. Holly, Caroline and Eleanor are getting set to go to New York next Wednesday. Ellen Russell is driving her children up here when school opens and then Holly and our two youngsters will motor back to New York with Ellen.

I have been meaning for a week or two to write to Bob about a psychiatric case which I believe I have here on my staff. Frank Pearsall is the man and he is the business manager of the Record of Christian Work. He is a fellow about my age. He was shell shocked, gassed, and got some shrapnel in his face during the war. He has a partial disability rating from the government.

For a year or so now he has been rarely able to sit through a meal. He is absolutely unable to eat in a public dining hall. Any long meeting with a group of people puts him in a highly nervous state. Our doctor here sent him to the Cornell Clinic in New York and he had a good physical going over. I am afraid he needs a thorough going psychiatric treatment. Our school doctor who is a pretty bright and intelligent person, thinks that he probably will need a thorough going psycho-analysis.

I wonder whether the facilities there at Phipps can take care of a man like this. He has very little money to pay for his own treatment. I wonder how long he would have to be there, although I suppose wouldn't be so unprofessional as to venture a guess.

But if your esteemed husband has any ideas after reading these rambling paragraphs of mine, I certainly will appreciate them.

Mother tells me that you people are still unsettled in your plans. I hate the thought of your going back to Scotland or England, but we rather like to hit that way ourselves for a few months at any rate.

With love from us all,

enc.

April 3, 1934

Dr. Robert F. Barbour
5 Dalwich Wood Park
London, S. E., 19

Dear Bob:

I'll be glad to be named a trustee in your will and am sure that is the last I'll ever hear of that.

I have just sent to you and Pat a copy of the new catalogue which was gotten out here at Mount Hermon. It has some fine pictures of the School and a much better description of what we are trying to do than anything else that we have put in print. Even though we worked over it with most awful care, I have seen a number of instances of wretched English that make my hair stand on end.

After one of the worst winters on record, April has started with some of the warmest days in the country's history. It is over 70° today, and the snow and ice which were in evidence everywhere last week have practically vanished. The Connecticut River is rising in its best spring manner.

Mother tells me she is planning to go over in the middle of May. I only wish that Holly and I were going too. Hope that everything will go well and that Patty is in fine form now.

With love to you both,

ES:L

SYDENHAM 8377.

Nov: 17

5, DULWICH WOOD PARK,
LONDON, S. E. 19.

Dear Ellidtt,

I am taking the liberty of appointing you a Trustee in a new will I am making - you - Goda as a legal agent.

You will only have to act if both of us die before all the children (present - to be) have reached the age of 25.

The Essence of the will is that whichever of us - Pat or me dies first the other is sole Trustee but in the event of both of us dying either separately or in "common calamity" the Trustees would be called on to act.

Each child gets the income from

his share when he reaches the age of
21 & the capital of his share when
he or she reaches the age of 25.

I hope this will be O.K?

Joan talks like a blue streak.
- quotes progress according to
Nature's well established plan!

At present I am trying to get
some extra reading done for
exam: but the mind does
not seem to want to function
that way!

Cheers

Bob